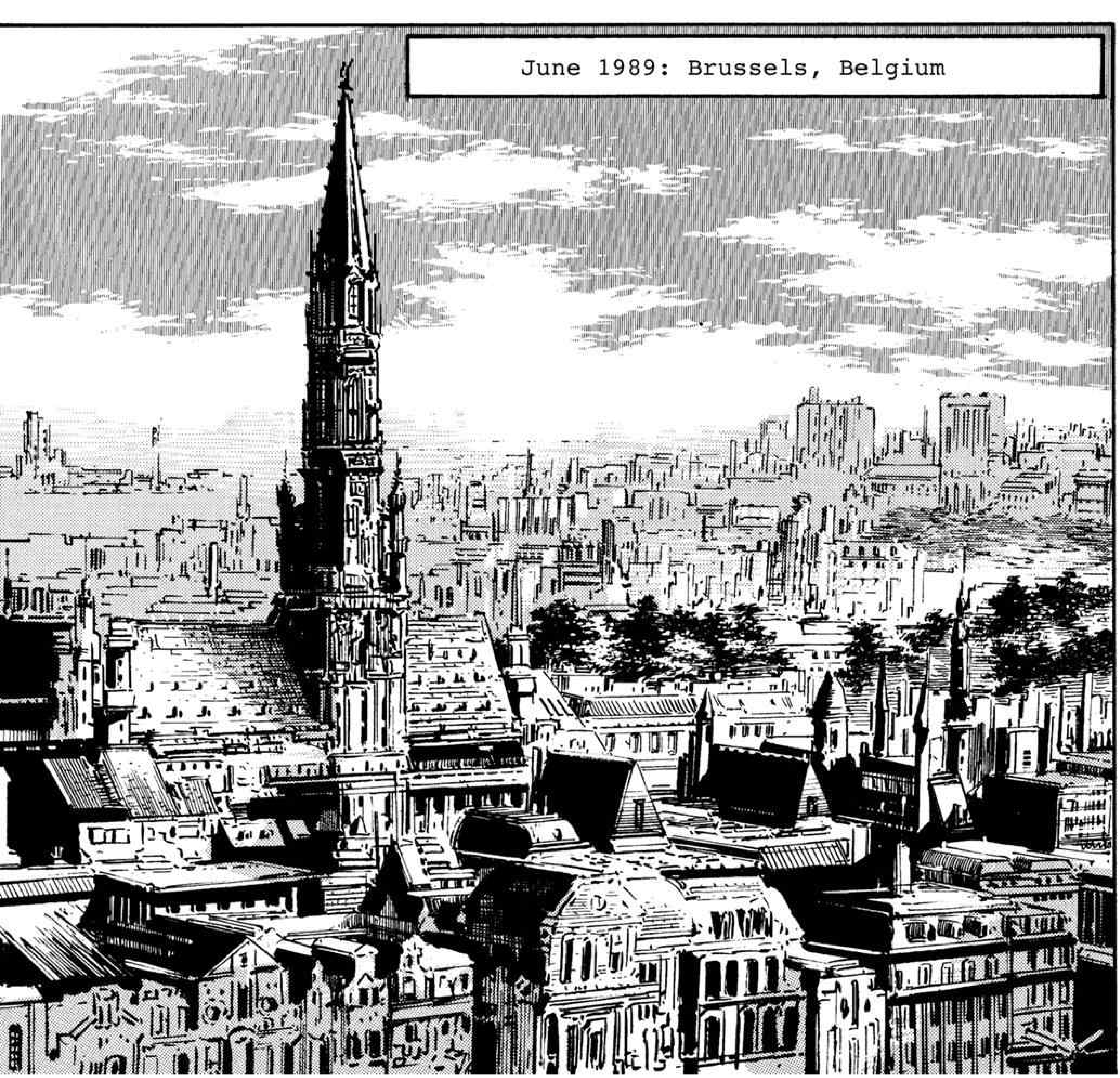
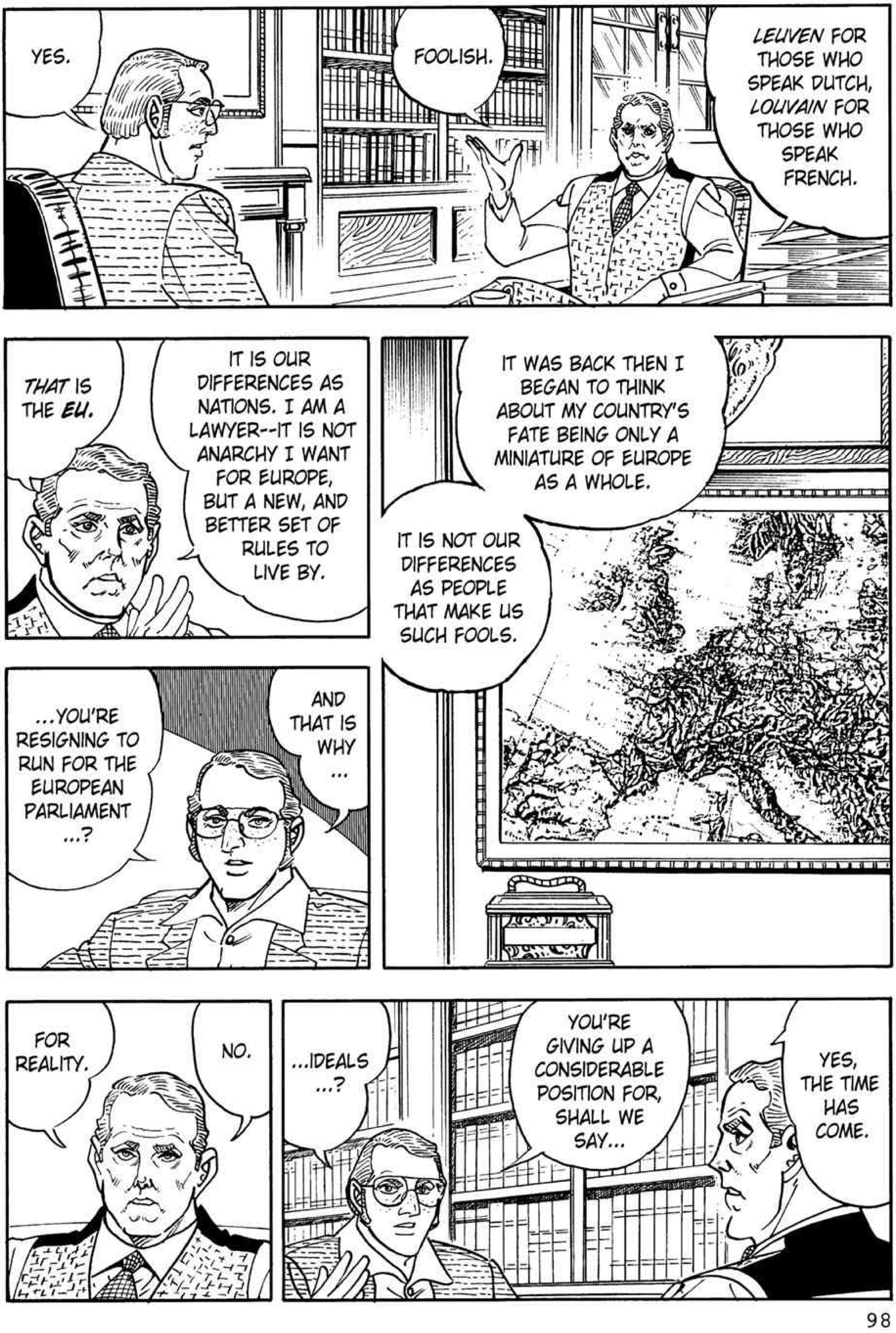
GERMANY IS ONE

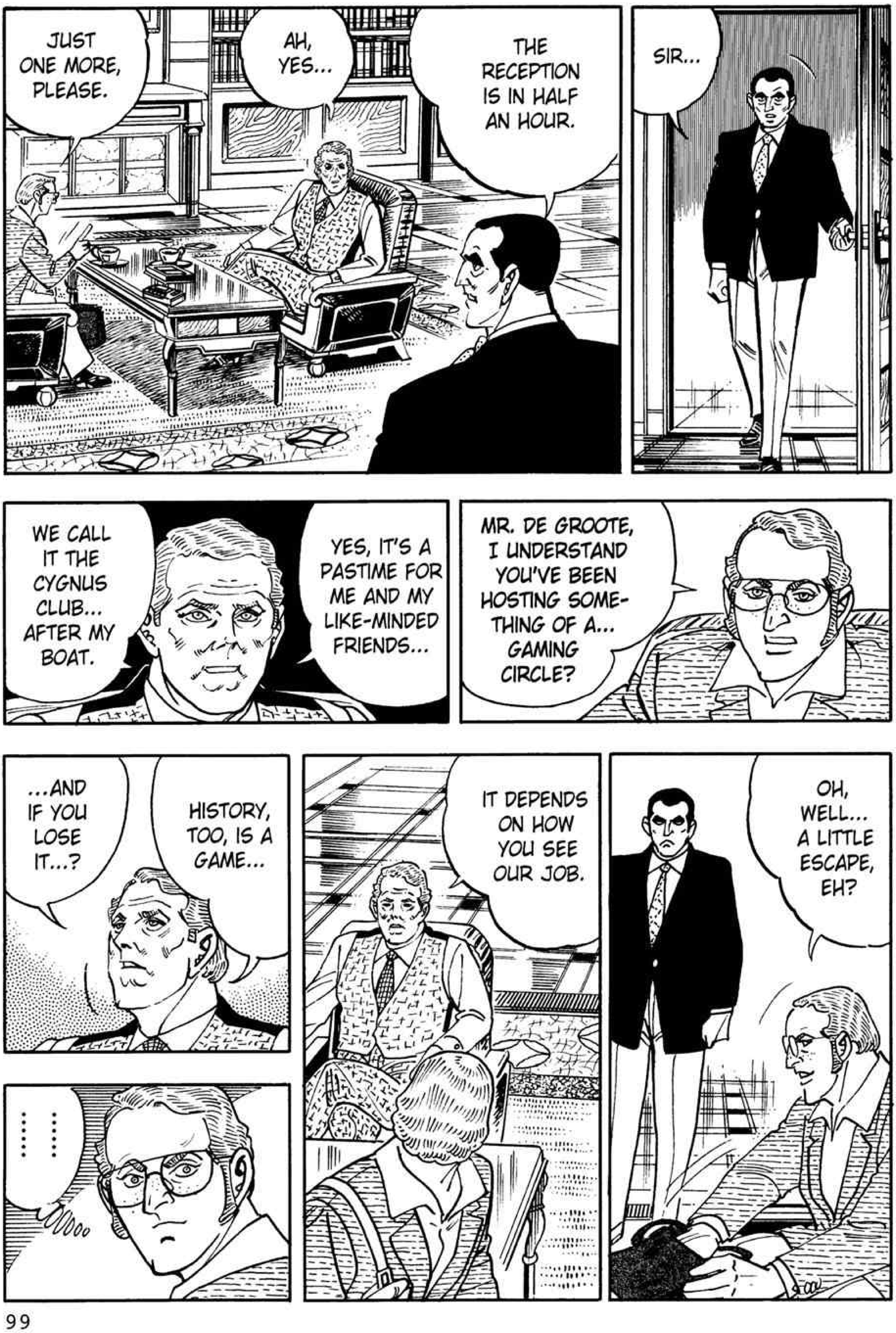


June 1989: Brussels, Belgium

BROUCKERE
SIR...
...A FOOLISH STORY, YOU SAID...?

YES, AND A VERY OLD ONE. EUROPEAN UNION ALWAYS LOOKS BACK TO ITS FIRST ATTEMPT, THE ROMAN EMPIRE. IT ONLY CAME SO FAR, AND NO FARTHER. IN WESTERN EUROPE, THE LINE ON WHICH IT BROKE FORMS THE BORDER TODAY BETWEEN THE GERMANIC AND ROMANCE LANGUAGE FAMILIES.
IN BELGIUM, WE HAVE THE FLEMISH, THE DUTCH SPEAKERS, AND THE WALLOONS, USERS OF FRENCH.
WE STRADDLE THAT ANCIENT SPLIT.
AN ODD PLACE TO PUT THE NEW CAPITAL OF EUROPE, THEN, EH?
WELL...
LET ME GIVE YOU A MORE RECENT EXAMPLE. THIS ONE, YOU SEE, GOES BACK TO ONLY 1425.
WE HAVE TWO UNIVERSITIES NOW HERE IN BELGIUM--THE KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN, AND THE UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN. BUT FOR OVER HALF A MILLENNIUM THEY WERE *ONE* UNIVERSITY...THE OLDEST CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN THE WORLD.
IN 1968, HAVING SURVIVED SO MUCH HISTORY, THEY DECIDED TO SPLIT.


LEUVEN FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK DUTCH, *LOUVAIN* FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK FRENCH.
FOOLISH.
YES.
IT WAS BACK THEN I BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT MY COUNTRY'S FATE BEING ONLY A MINIATURE OF EUROPE AS A WHOLE.
IT IS NOT OUR DIFFERENCES AS PEOPLE THAT MAKE US SUCH FOOLS.
IT IS OUR DIFFERENCES AS NATIONS. I AM A LAWYER--IT IS NOT ANARCHY I WANT FOR EUROPE, BUT A NEW, AND BETTER SET OF RULES TO LIVE BY.
THAT IS THE ***EU.***
AND THAT IS WHY ...
...YOU'RE RESIGNING TO RUN FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ...?
YES, THE TIME HAS COME.
YOU'RE GIVING UP A CONSIDERABLE POSITION FOR, SHALL WE SAY...
...IDEALS ...?
NO.
FOR REALITY.


SIR...
THE RECEPTION IS IN HALF AN HOUR.
AH, YES...
JUST ONE MORE, PLEASE.
MR. DE GROOTE, I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BEEN HOSTING SOMETHING OF A... GAMING CIRCLE?
YES, IT'S A PASTIME FOR ME AND MY LIKE-MINDED FRIENDS...
WE CALL IT THE CYGNUS CLUB... AFTER MY BOAT.
OH, WELL... A LITTLE ESCAPE, EH?
IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SEE OUR JOB.
HISTORY, TOO, IS A GAME...
...AND IF YOU LOSE IT...?
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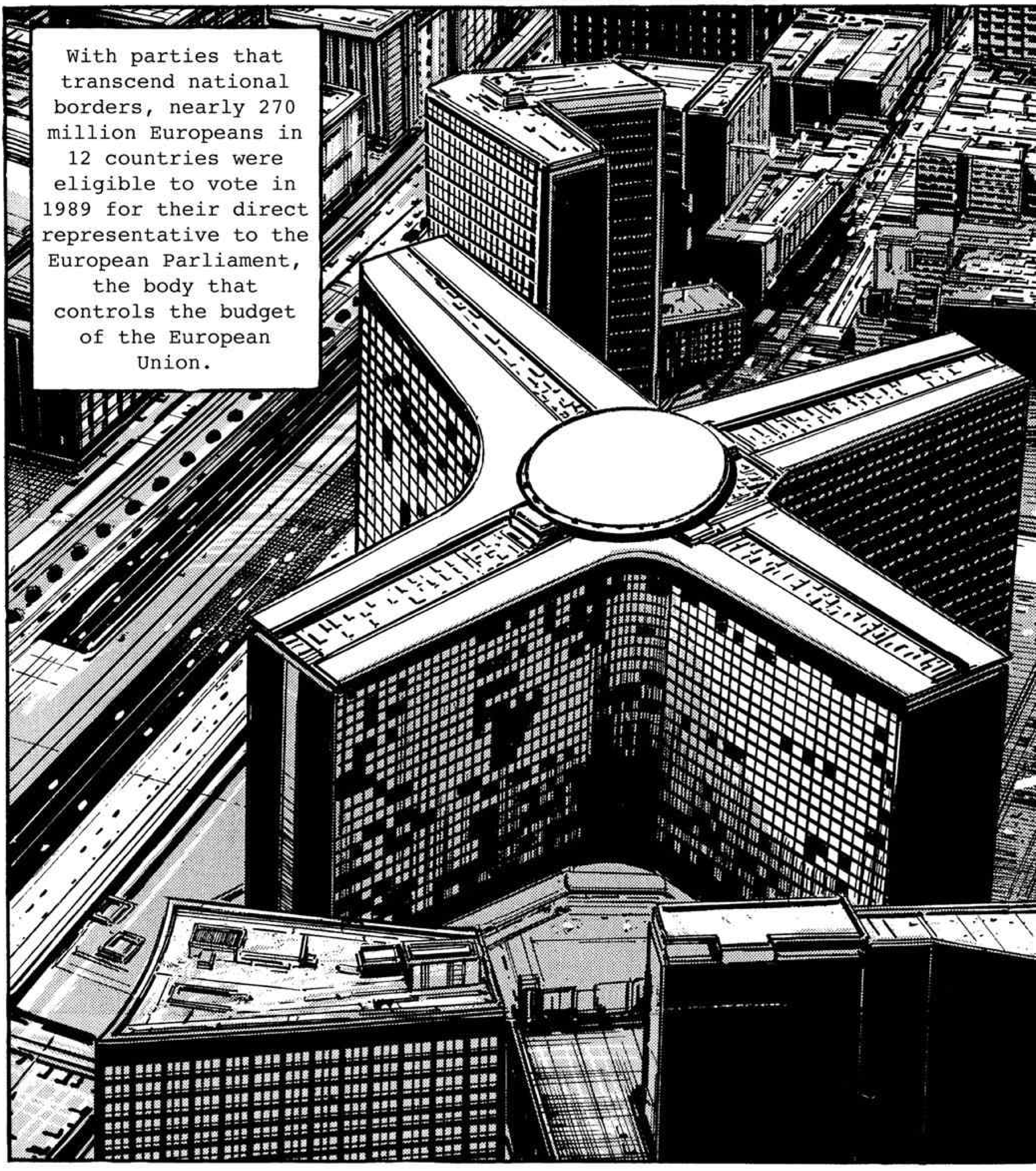
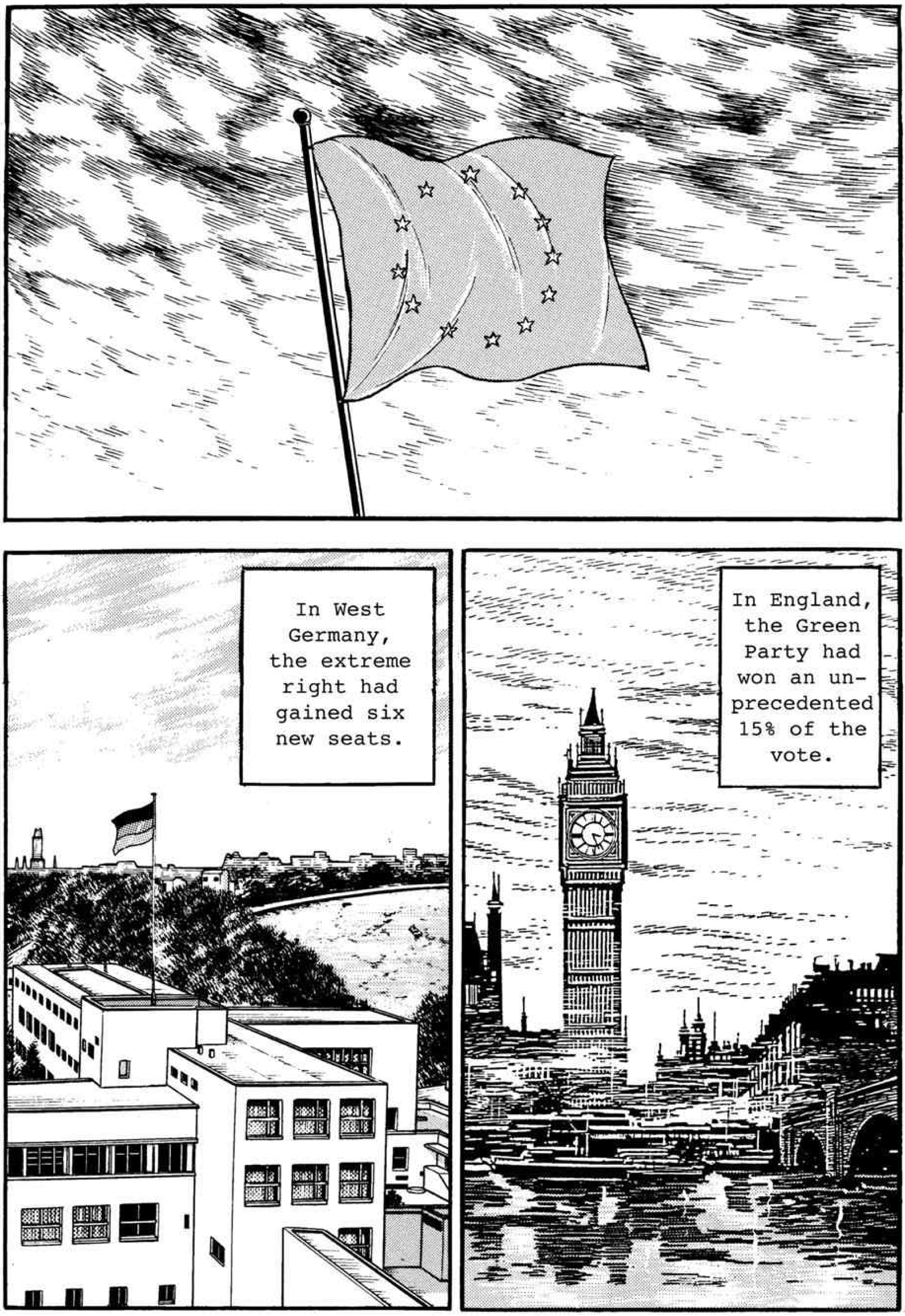
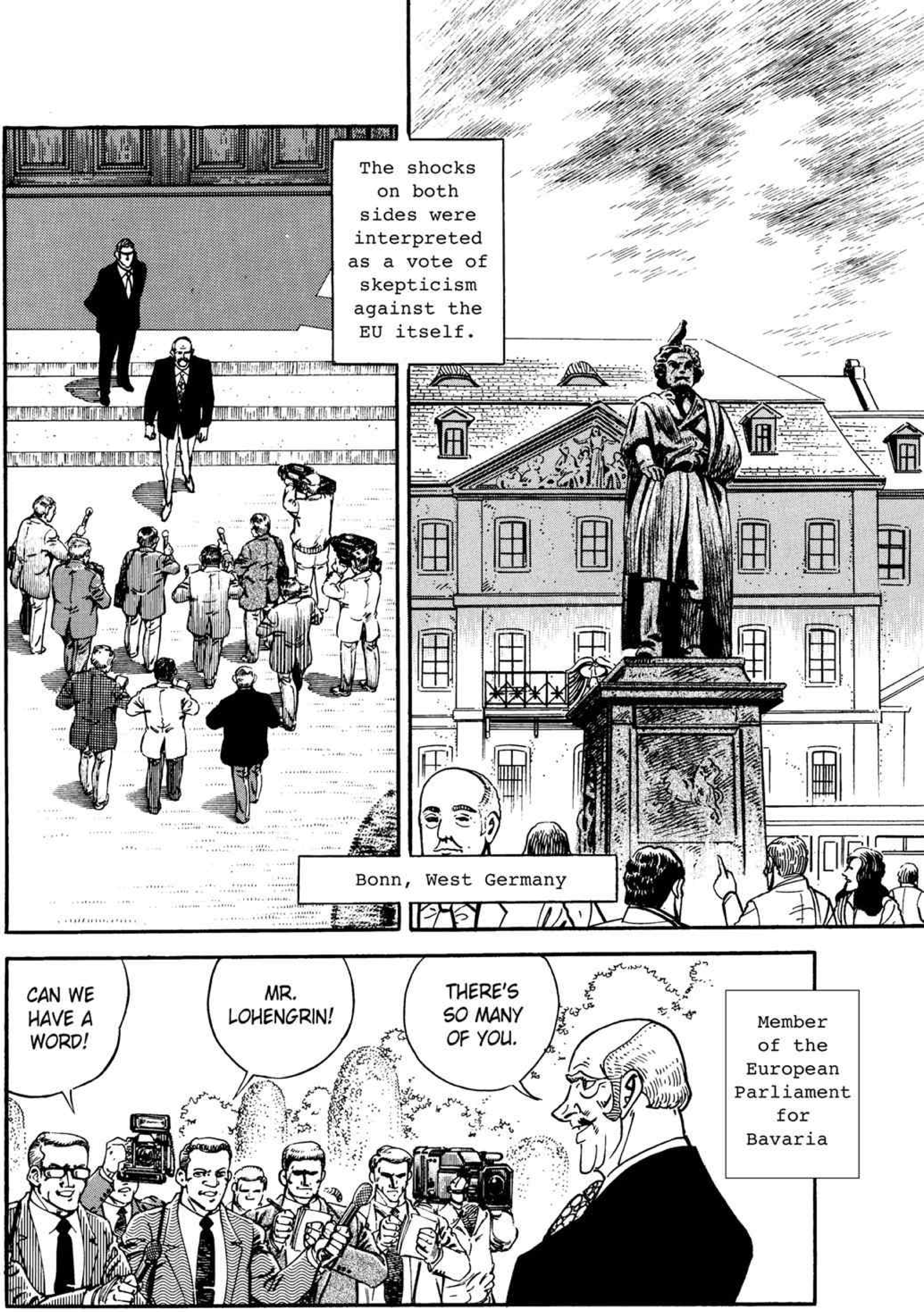
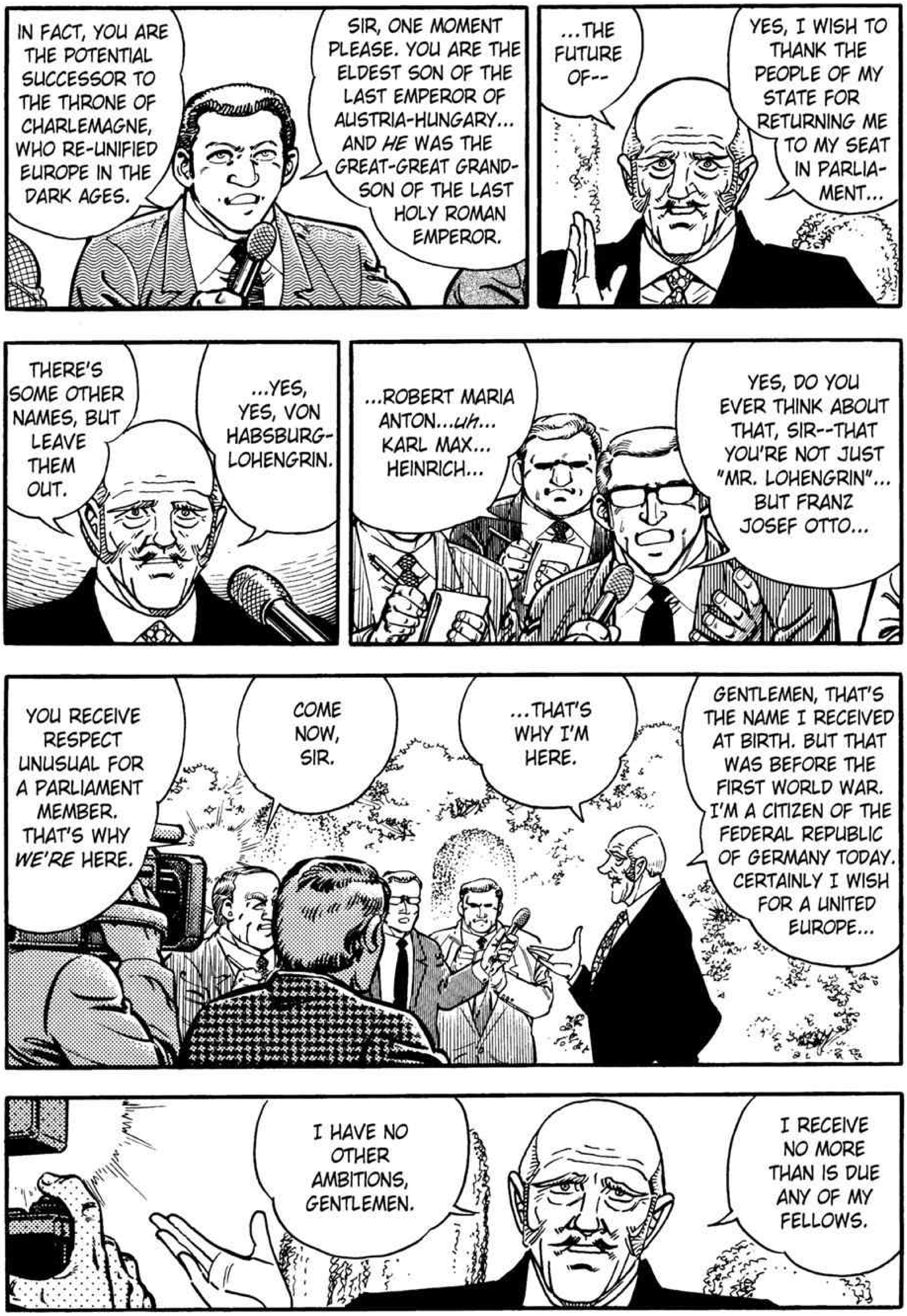
PART 1

LEGEND LORE

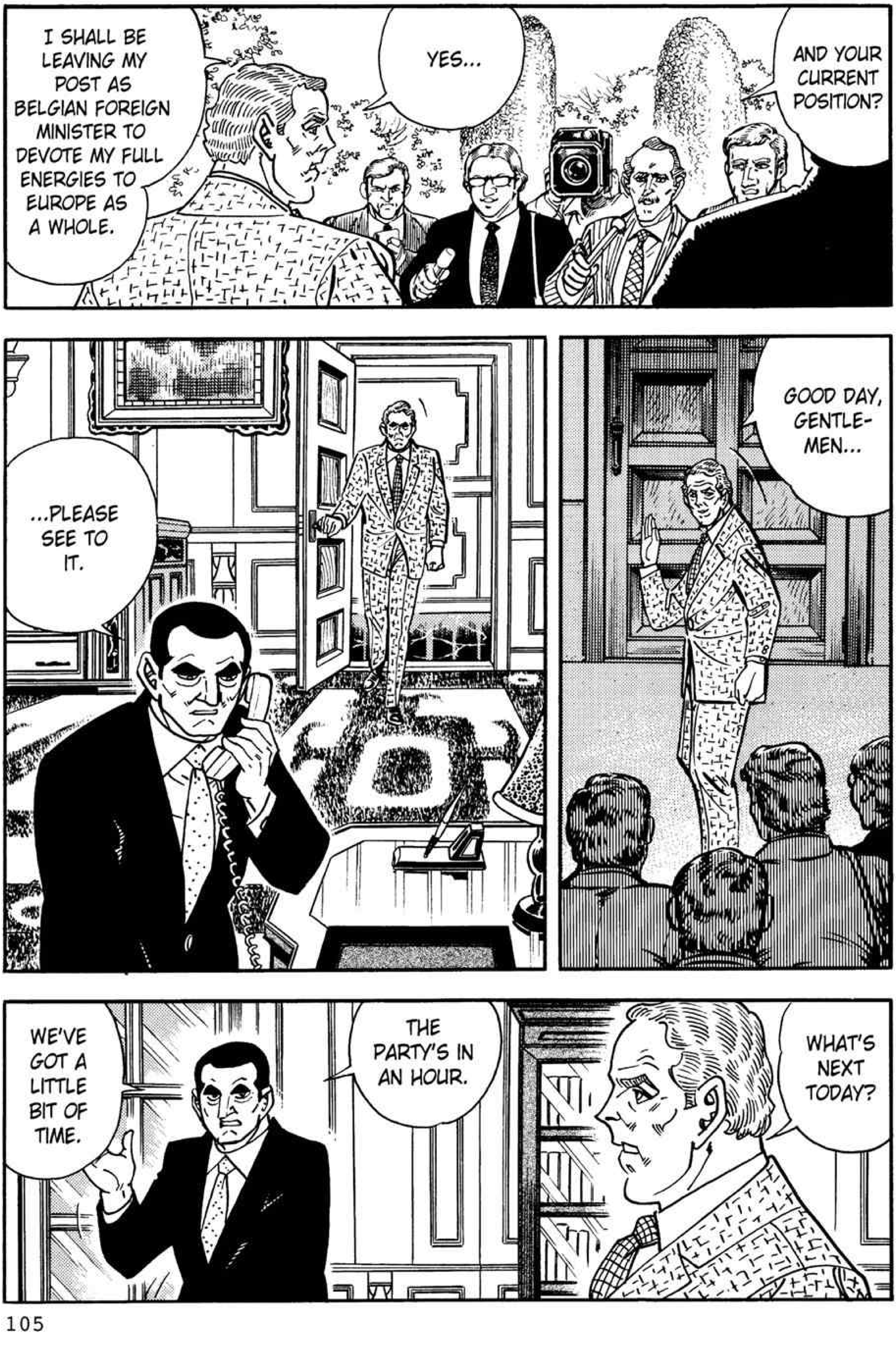

With parties that transcend national borders, nearly 270 million Europeans in 12 countries were eligible to vote in 1989 for their direct representative to the European Parliament, the body that controls the budget of the European Union.

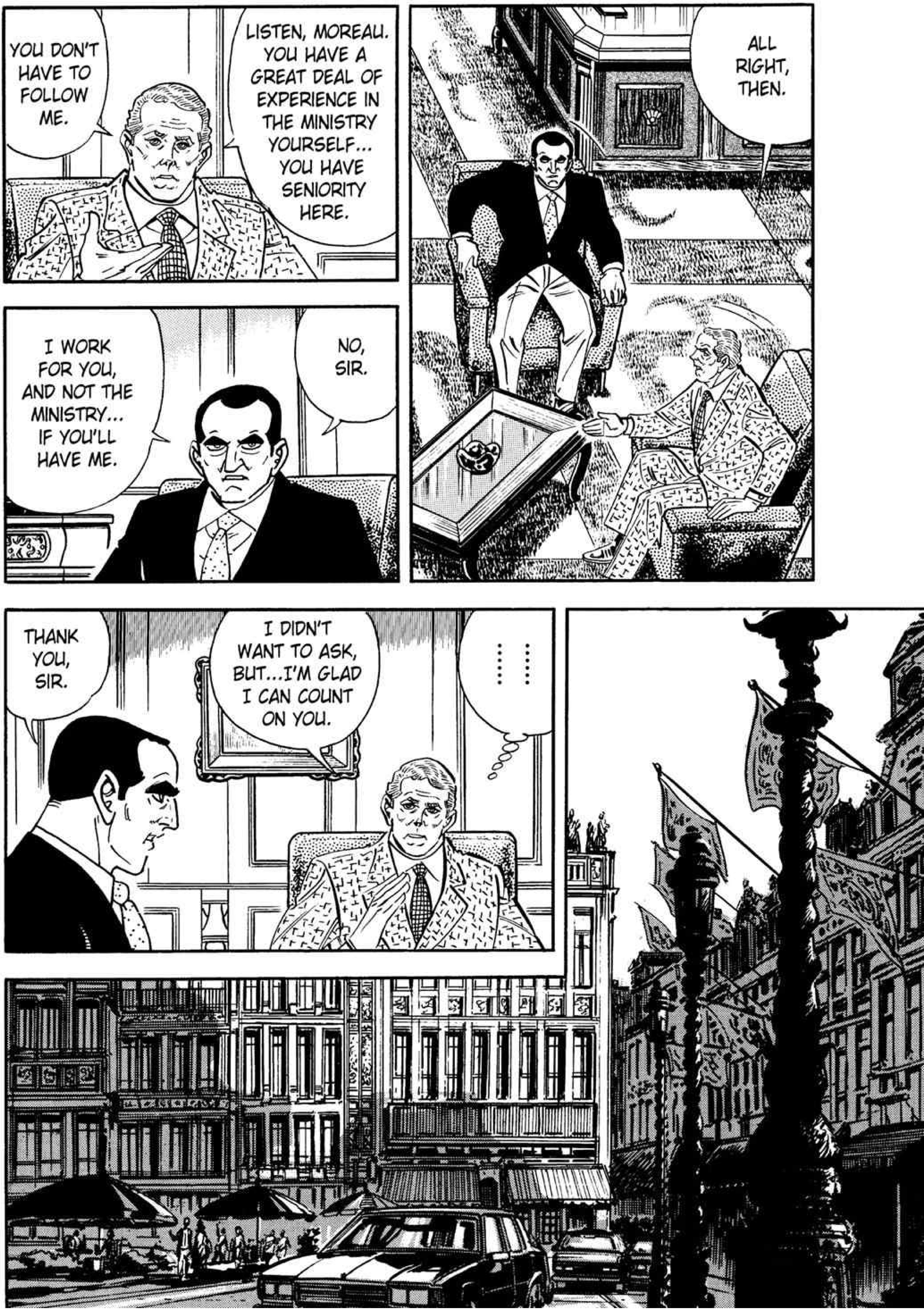

In West Germany, the extreme right had gained six new seats.
In England, the Green Party had won an unprecedented 15% of the vote.


The shocks on both sides were interpreted as a vote of skepticism against the EU itself.
Bonn, West Germany
CAN WE HAVE A WORD!
MR. LOHENGRIN!
THERE'S SO MANY OF YOU.
Member of the European Parliament for Bavaria


YES, I WISH TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF MY STATE FOR RETURNING ME TO MY SEAT IN PARLIAMENT...
...THE FUTURE OF--
SIR, ONE MOMENT PLEASE. YOU ARE THE ELDEST SON OF THE LAST EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY... AND *HE* WAS THE GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON OF THE LAST HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR.
IN FACT, YOU ARE THE POTENTIAL SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE OF CHARLEMAGNE, WHO RE-UNIFIED EUROPE IN THE DARK AGES.
YES, DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THAT, SIR--THAT YOU'RE NOT JUST "MR. LOHENGRIN"... BUT FRANZ JOSEF OTTO...
...ROBERT MARIA ANTON...*uh*... KARL MAX... HEINRICH...
...YES, YES, VON HABSBURG-LOHENGRIN.
THERE'S SOME OTHER NAMES, BUT LEAVE THEM OUT.
GENTLEMEN, THAT'S THE NAME I RECEIVED AT BIRTH. BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR. I'M A CITIZEN OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TODAY. CERTAINLY I WISH FOR A UNITED EUROPE...
...THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
COME NOW, SIR.
YOU RECEIVE RESPECT UNUSUAL FOR A PARLIAMENT MEMBER. THAT'S WHY *WE'RE* HERE.
I RECEIVE NO MORE THAN IS DUE ANY OF MY FELLOWS.
I HAVE NO OTHER AMBITIONS, GENTLEMEN.

MR. DE GROOTE, CONGRATULATIONS.
YES, THANK YOU.
WHAT WILL BE YOUR PRIORITY IN PARLIAMENT?
THAT'S SIMPLE TO SAY.
A MORE PERFECT UNION.


AND YOUR CURRENT POSITION?
YES...
I SHALL BE LEAVING MY POST AS BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO DEVOTE MY FULL ENERGIES TO EUROPE AS A WHOLE.
GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN...
...PLEASE SEE TO IT.
WHAT'S NEXT TODAY?
THE PARTY'S IN AN HOUR.
WE'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME.


LISTEN, MOREAU. YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MINISTRY YOURSELF... YOU HAVE SENIORITY HERE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW ME.
NO, SIR.
I WORK FOR YOU, AND NOT THE MINISTRY... IF YOU'LL HAVE ME.
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ASK, BUT...I'M GLAD I CAN COUNT ON YOU.
THANK YOU, SIR.
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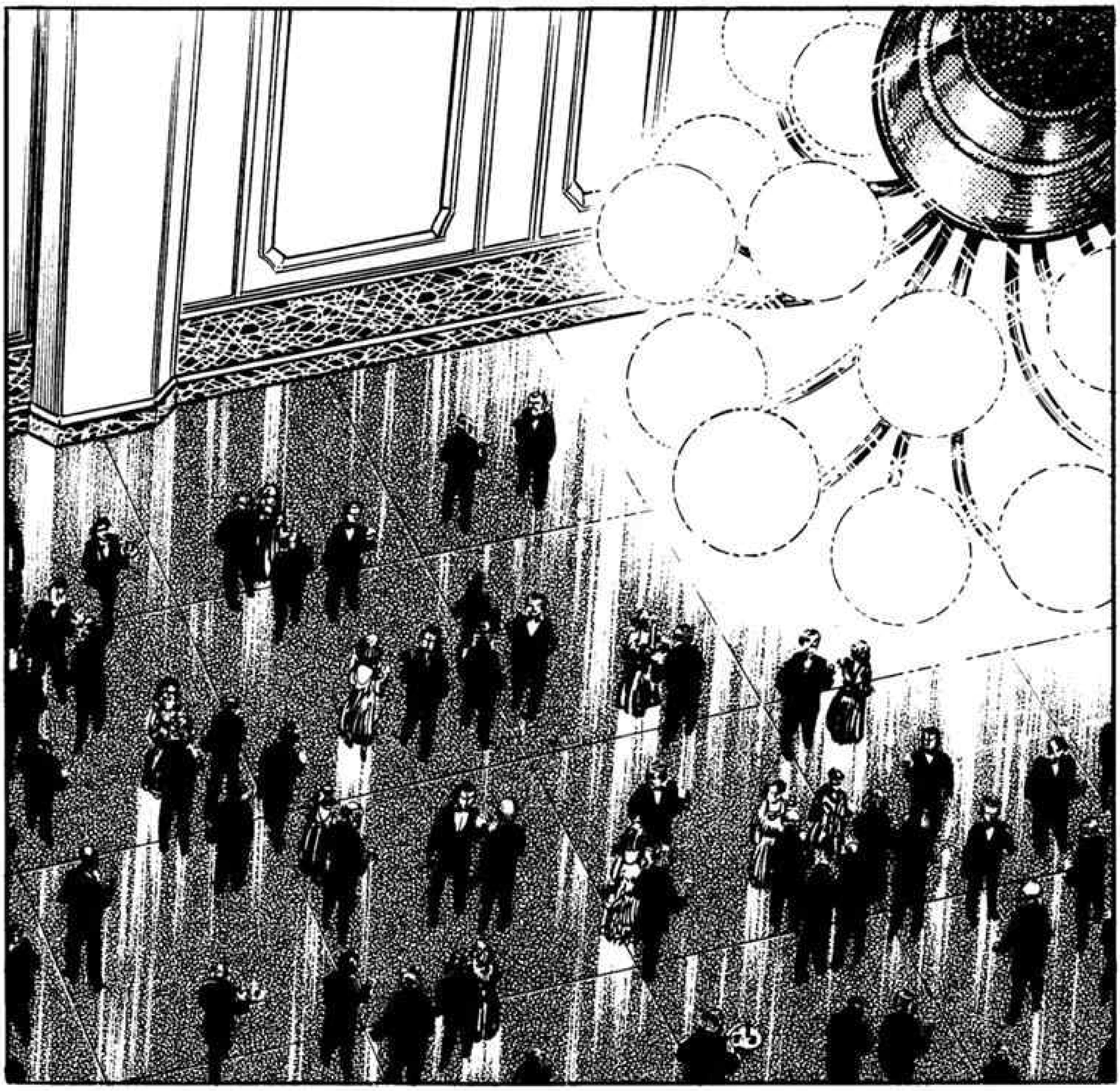

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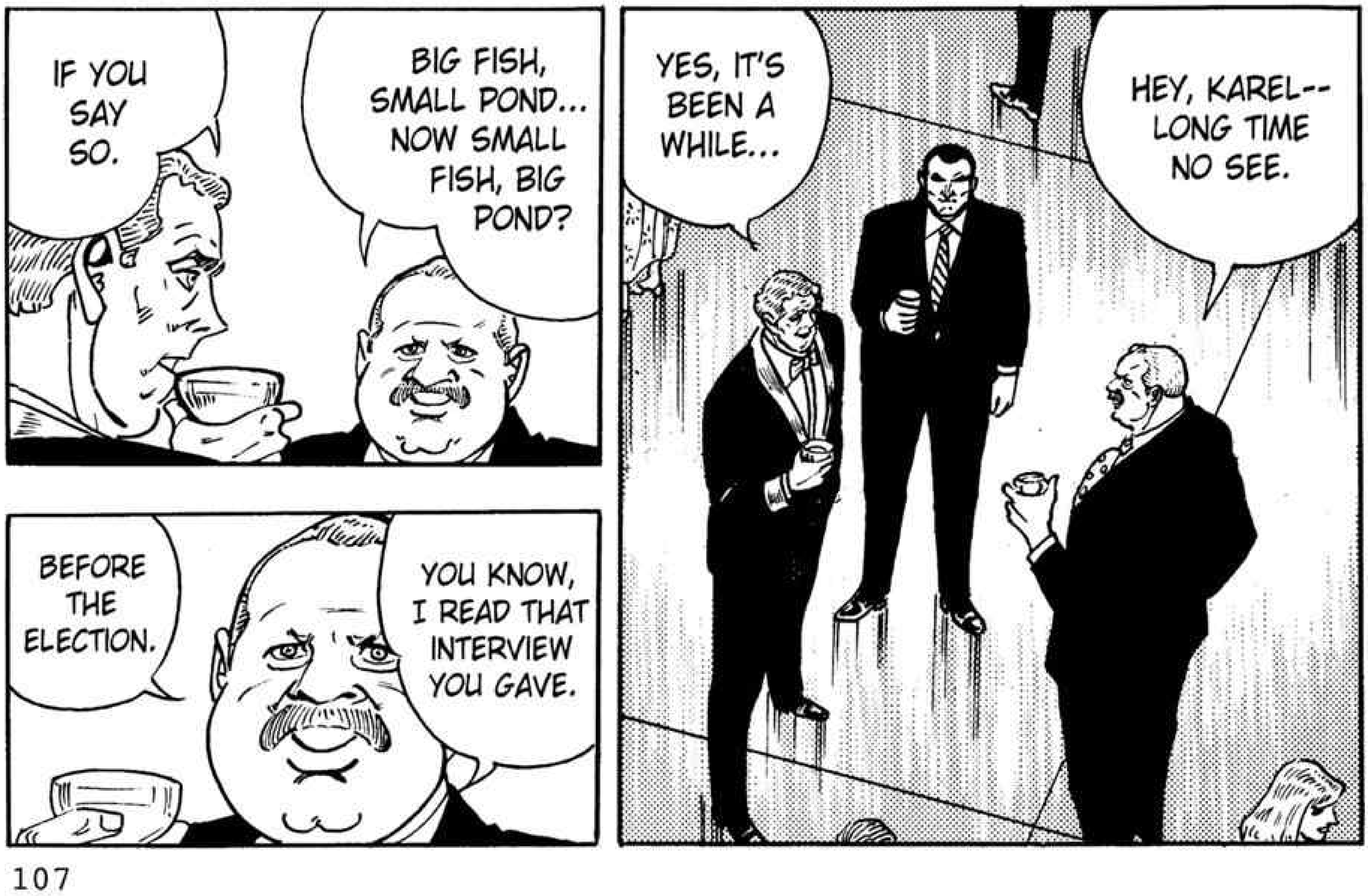
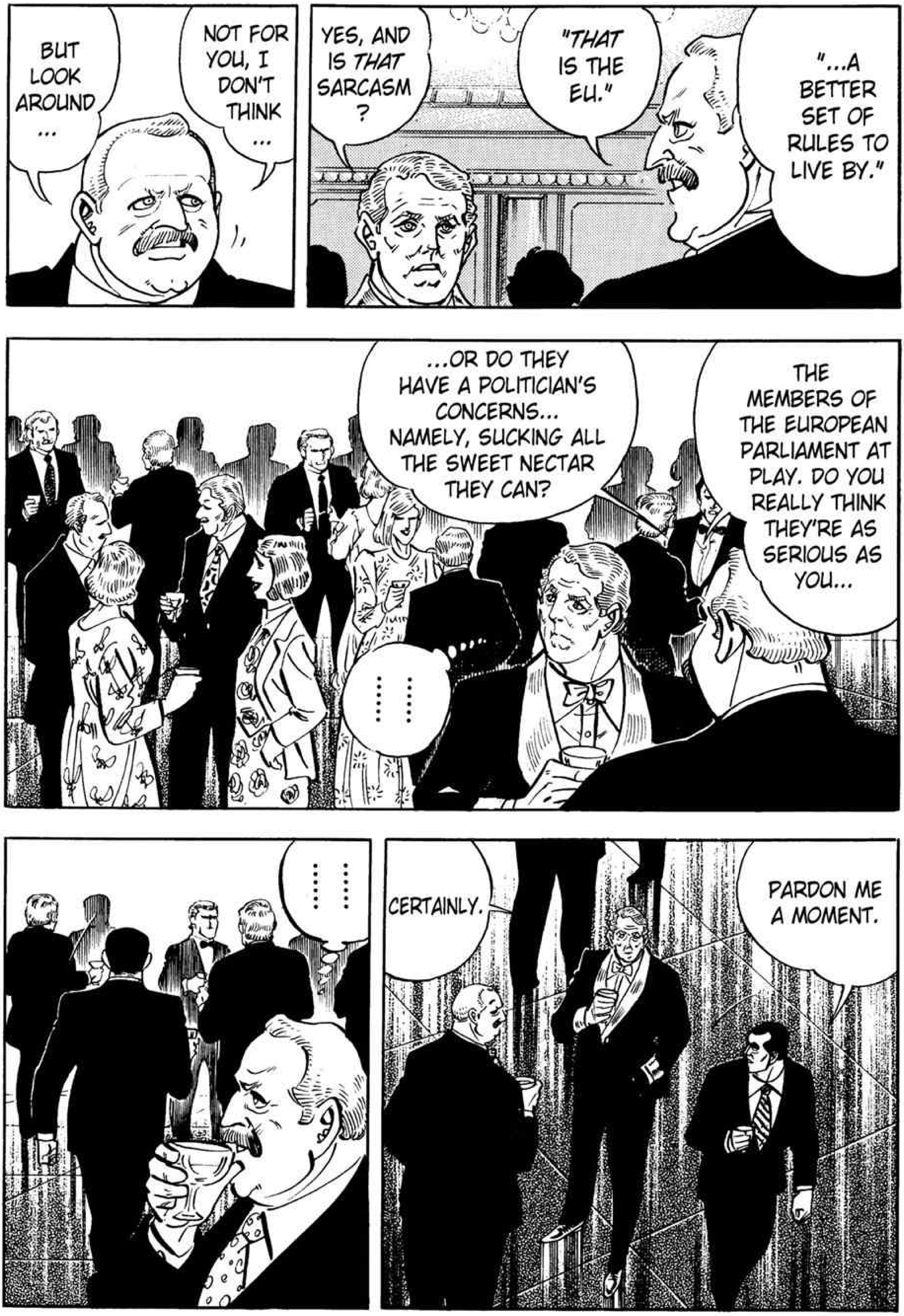

HEY, KAREL--
LONG TIME
NO SEE.
YES, IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE...
BIG FISH,
SMALL POND...
NOW SMALL
FISH, BIG
POND?
IF YOU
SAY
SO.
YOU KNOW,
I READ THAT
INTERVIEW
YOU GAVE.
BEFORE
THE
ELECTION.


"...A BETTER SET OF RULES TO LIVE BY."
"*THAT* IS THE EU."
YES, AND IS *THAT* SARCASM?
NOT FOR YOU, I DON'T THINK...
BUT LOOK AROUND...
THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AT PLAY. DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'RE AS SERIOUS AS YOU...
...OR DO THEY HAVE A POLITICIAN'S CONCERNS... NAMELY, SUCKING ALL THE SWEET NECTAR THEY CAN?
......
PARDON ME A MOMENT.
CERTAINLY.
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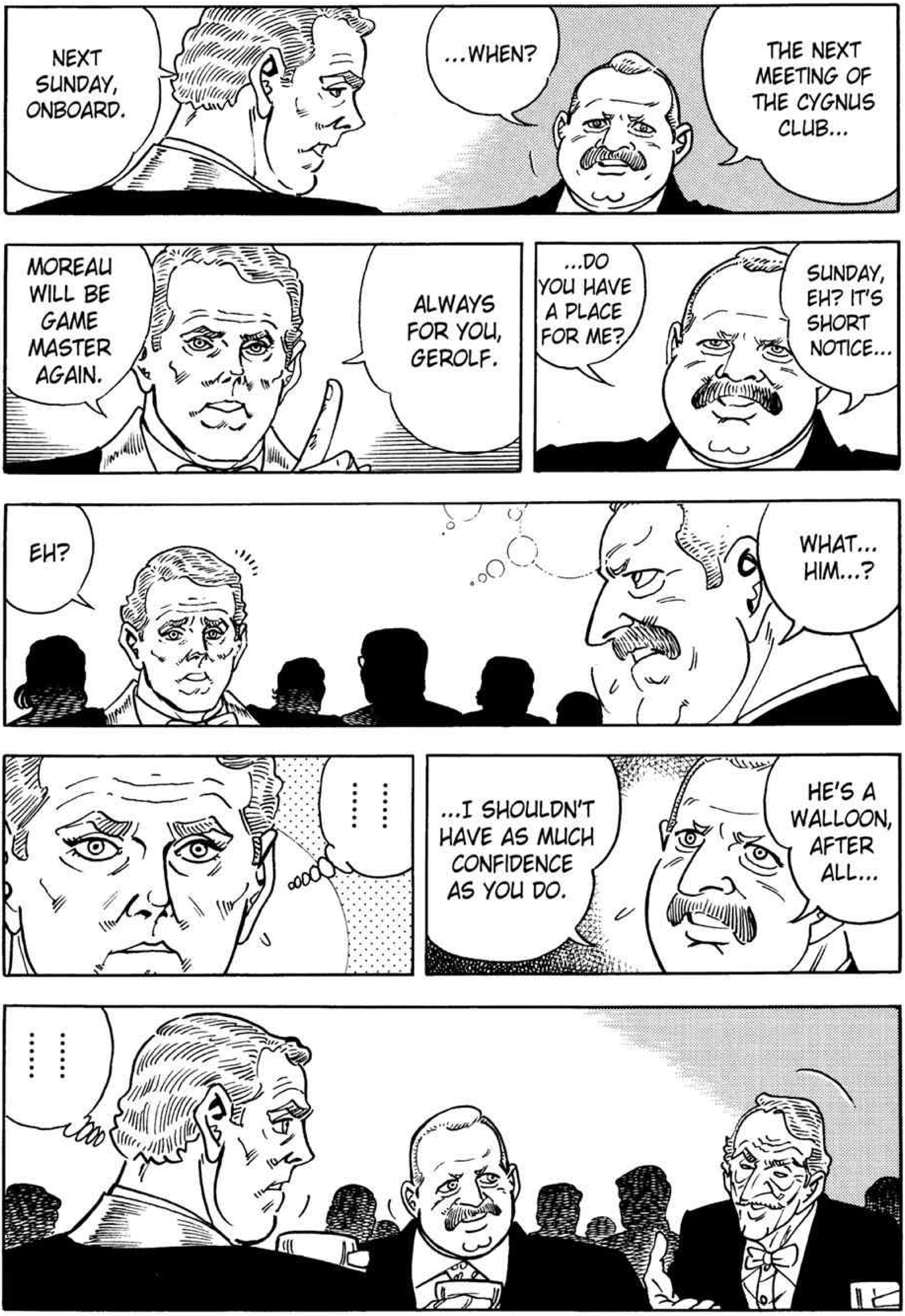
THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CYGNUS CLUB...
...WHEN?
NEXT SUNDAY, ONBOARD.
SUNDAY, EH? IT'S SHORT NOTICE...
...DO YOU HAVE A PLACE FOR ME?
ALWAYS FOR YOU, GEROLF.
MOREAU WILL BE GAME MASTER AGAIN.
WHAT... HIM...?
EH?
HE'S A WALLOON, AFTER ALL...
...I SHOULDN'T HAVE AS MUCH CONFIDENCE AS YOU DO.
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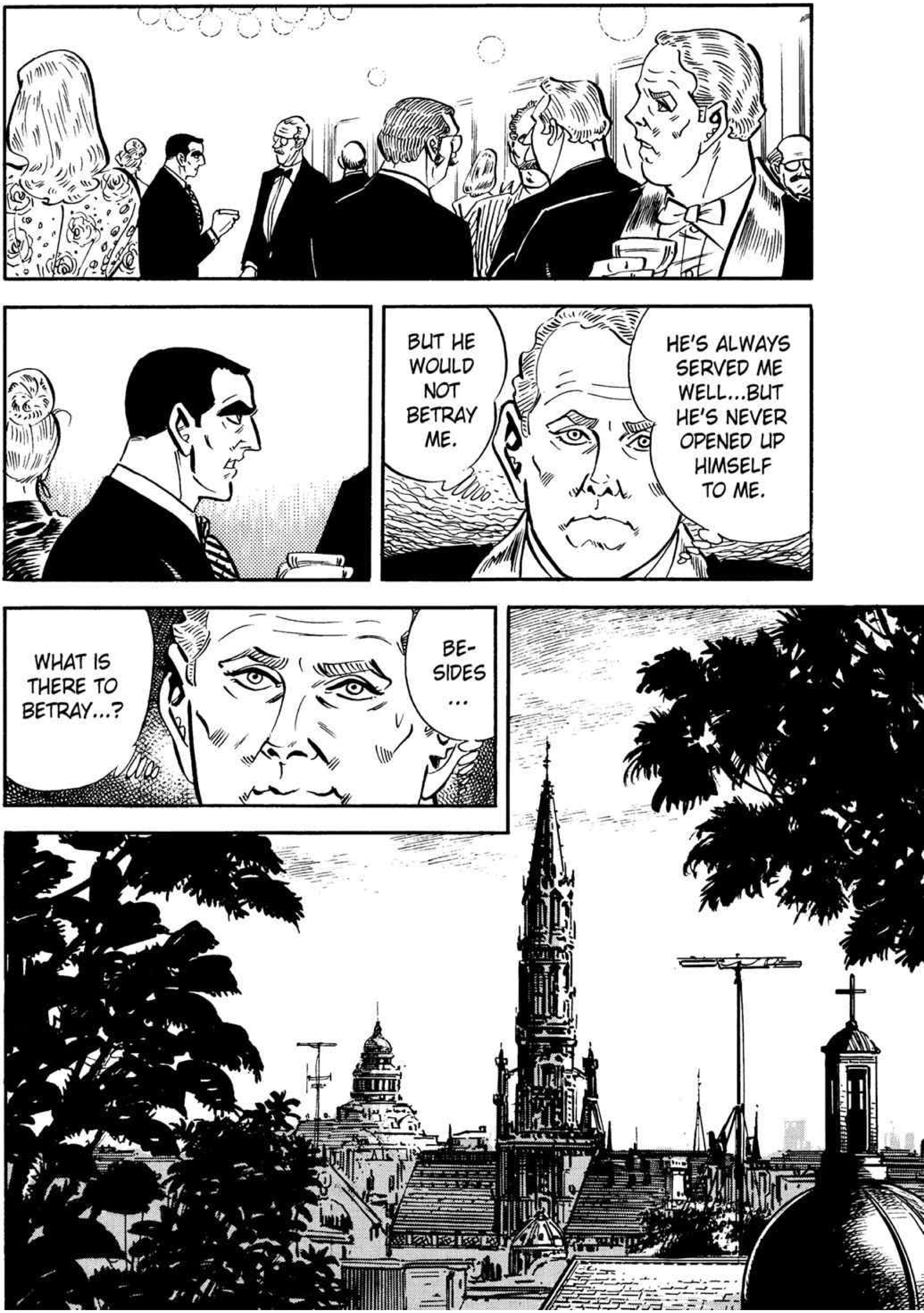
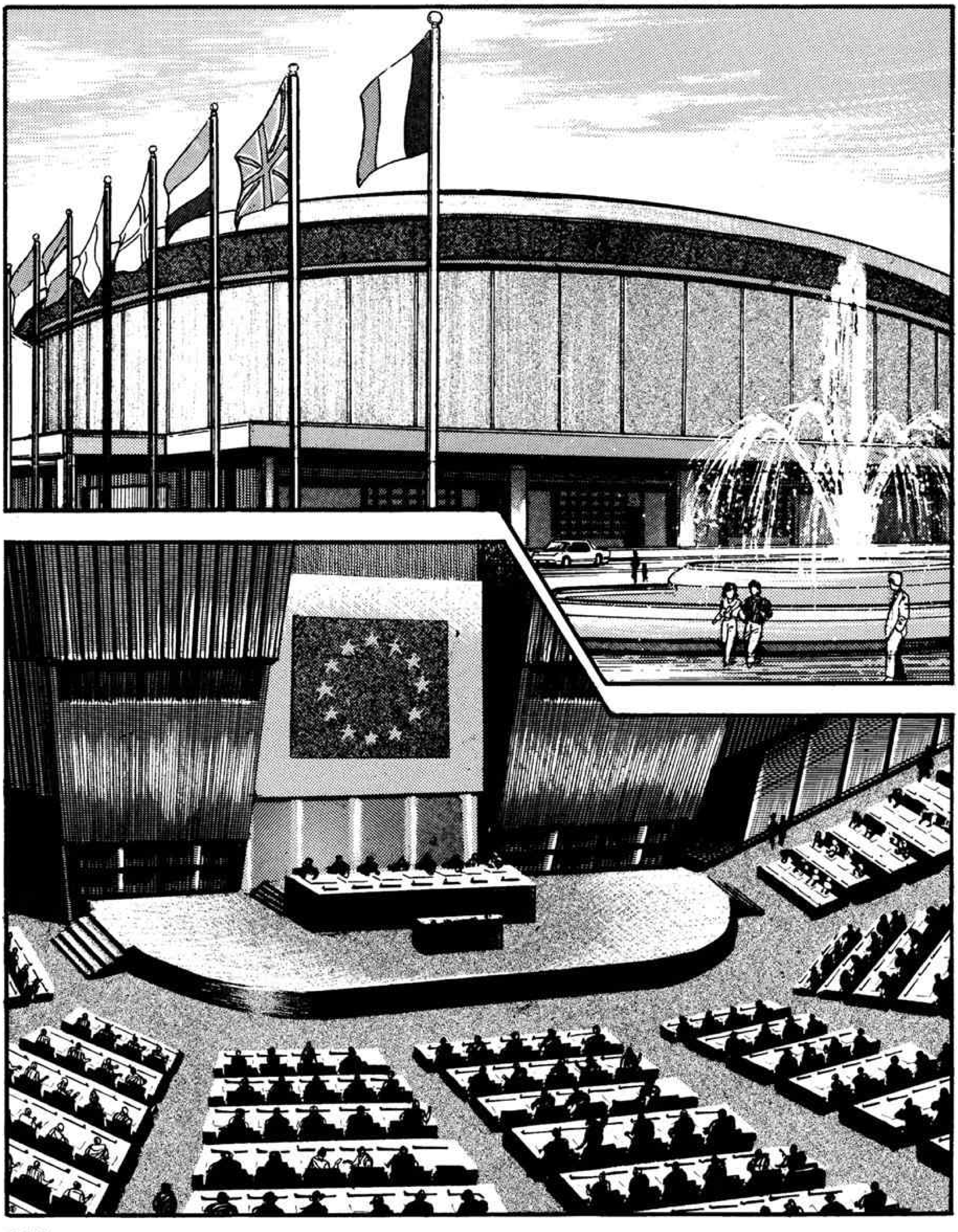
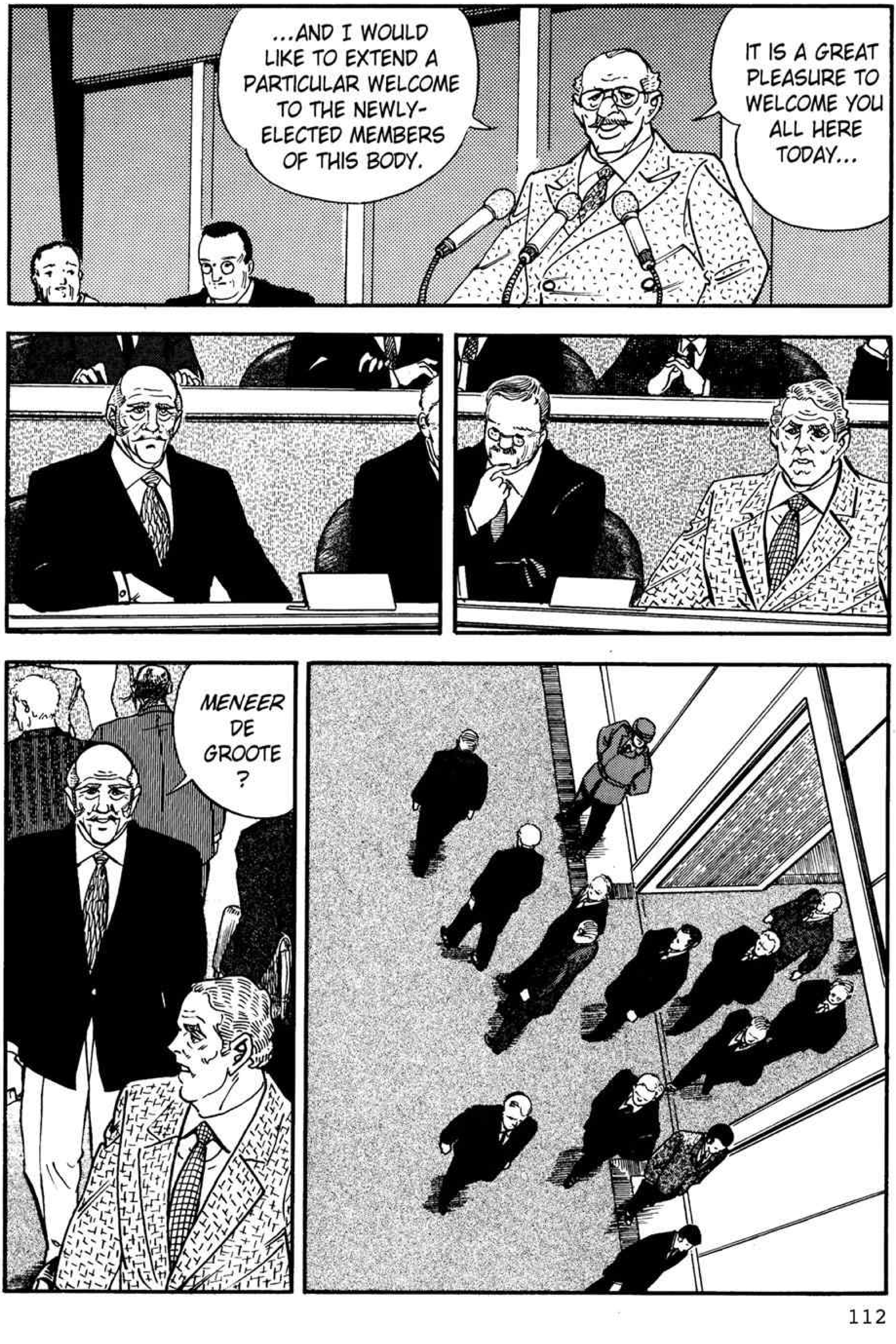
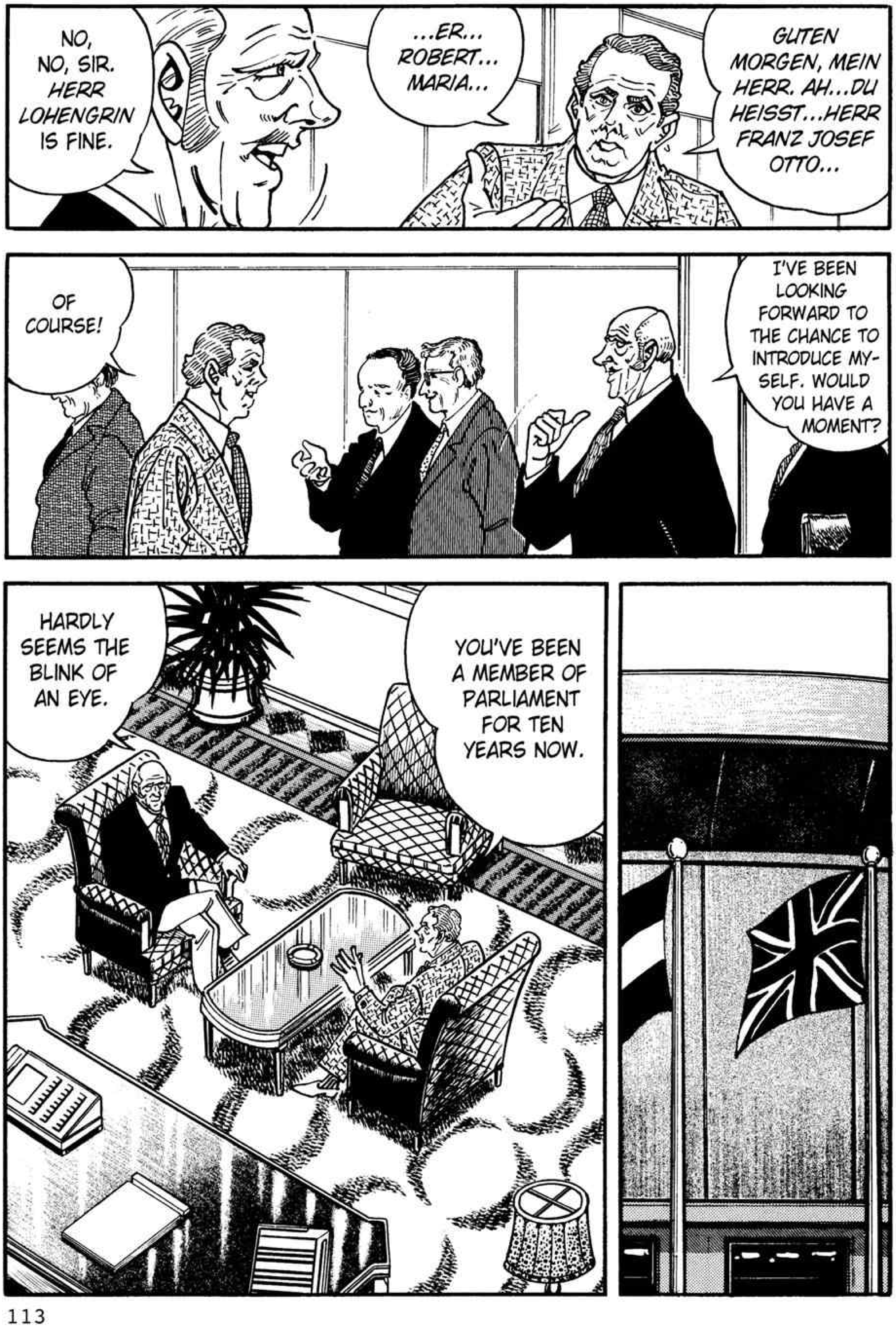
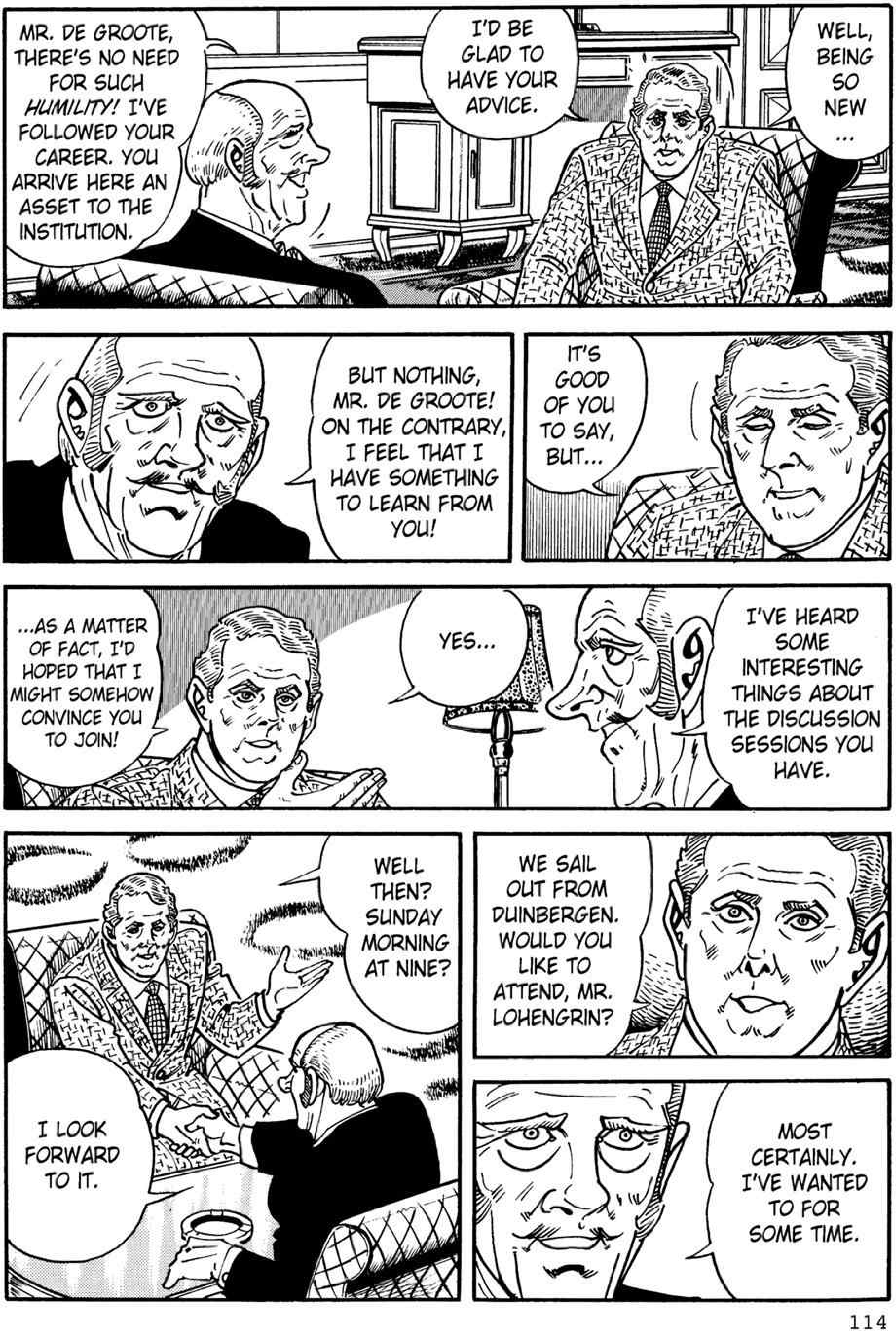

HE'S ALWAYS SERVED ME WELL...BUT HE'S NEVER OPENED UP HIMSELF TO ME.
BUT HE WOULD NOT BETRAY ME.
BE-SIDES ...
WHAT IS THERE TO BETRAY...?

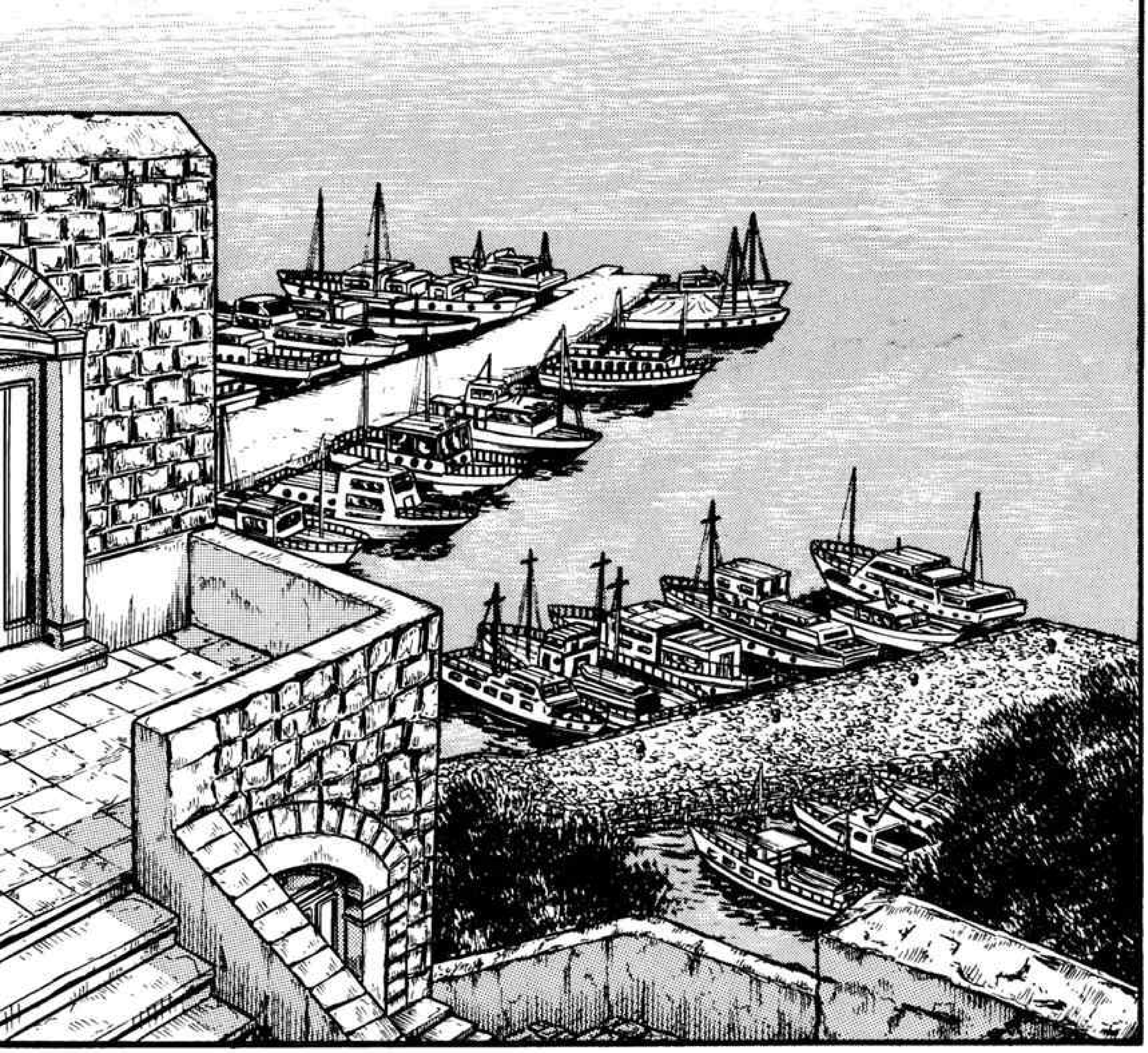
PART 3 SUGGESTION




IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY...
...AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A PARTICULAR WELCOME TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THIS BODY.
MENEER DE GROOTE ?


GUTEN MORGEN, MEIN HERR. AH...DU HEISST...HERR FRANZ JOSEF OTTO...
...ER... ROBERT... MARIA...
NO, NO, SIR. HERR LOHENGRIN IS FINE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHANCE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. WOULD YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
OF COURSE!
YOU'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TEN YEARS NOW.
HARDLY SEEMS THE BLINK OF AN EYE.


MR. DE GROOTE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH *HUMILITY!* I'VE FOLLOWED YOUR CAREER. YOU ARRIVE HERE AN ASSET TO THE INSTITUTION.
I'D BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR ADVICE.
WELL, BEING SO NEW ...
BUT NOTHING, MR. DE GROOTE! ON THE CONTRARY, I FEEL THAT I HAVE SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM YOU!
IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO SAY, BUT...
...AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'D HOPED THAT I MIGHT SOMEHOW CONVINCE YOU TO JOIN!
YES...
I'VE HEARD SOME INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS YOU HAVE.
WELL THEN? SUNDAY MORNING AT NINE?
I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
WE SAIL OUT FROM DUINBERGEN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND, MR. LOHENGRIN?
MOST CERTAINLY. I'VE WANTED TO FOR SOME TIME.



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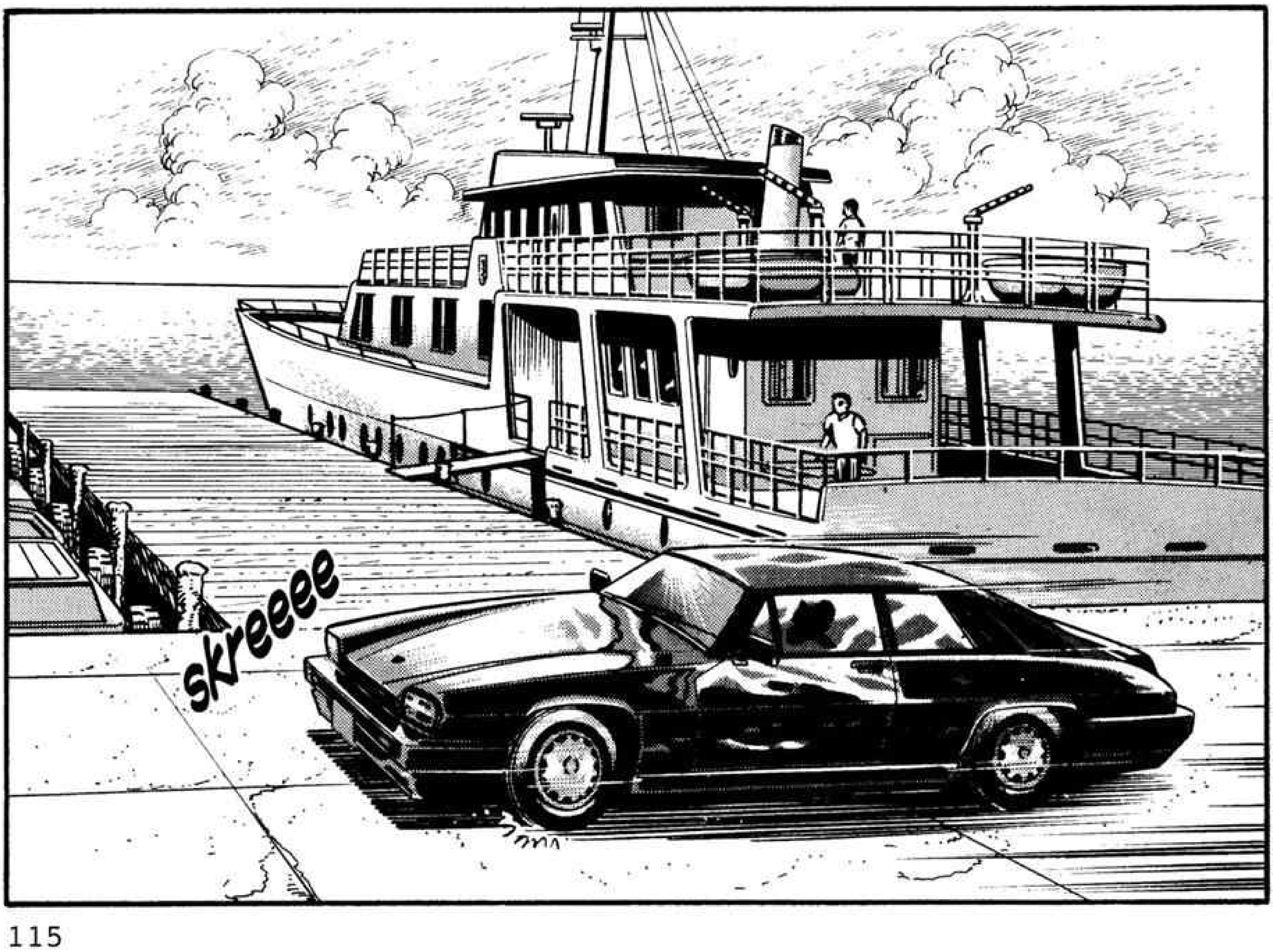
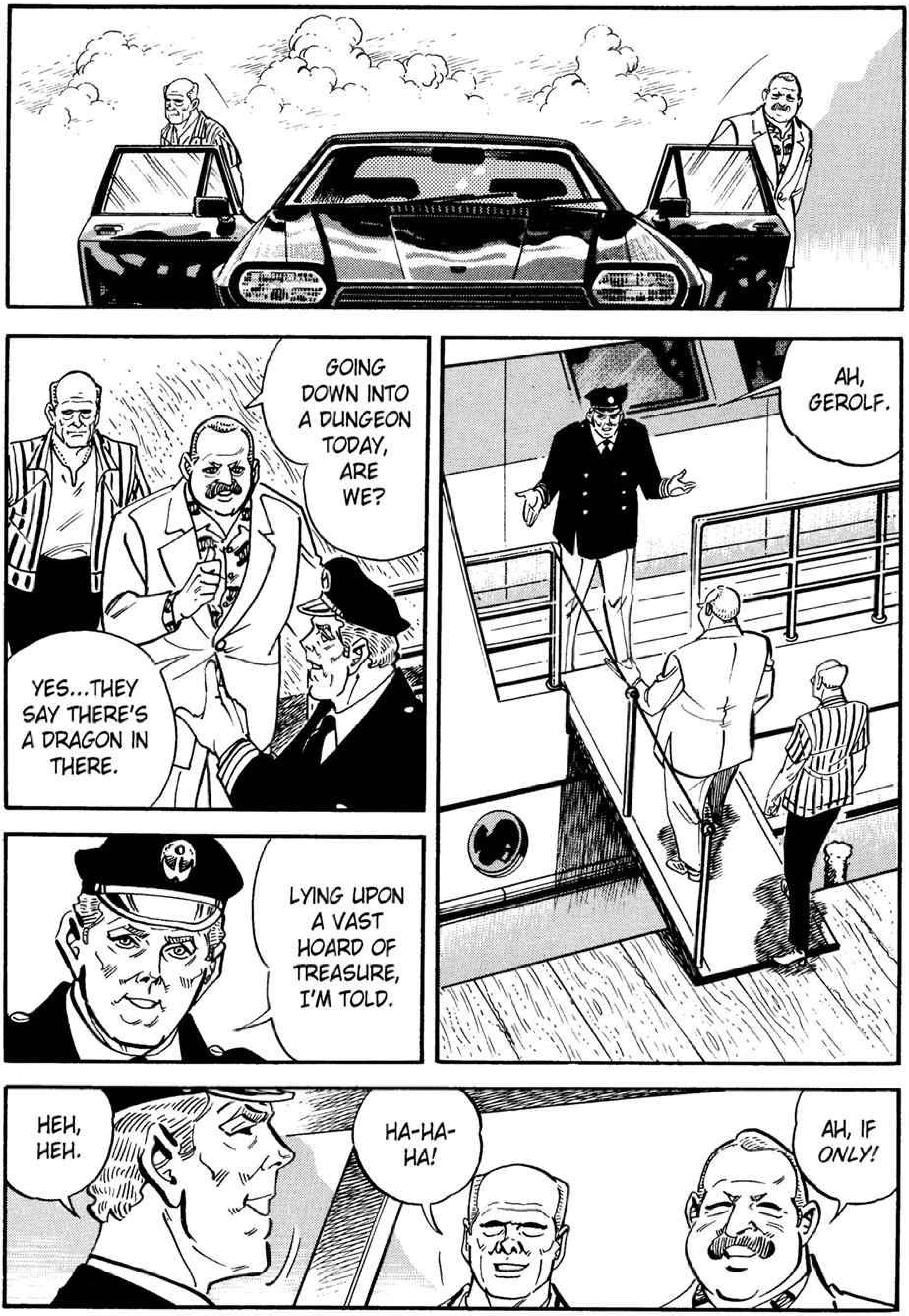
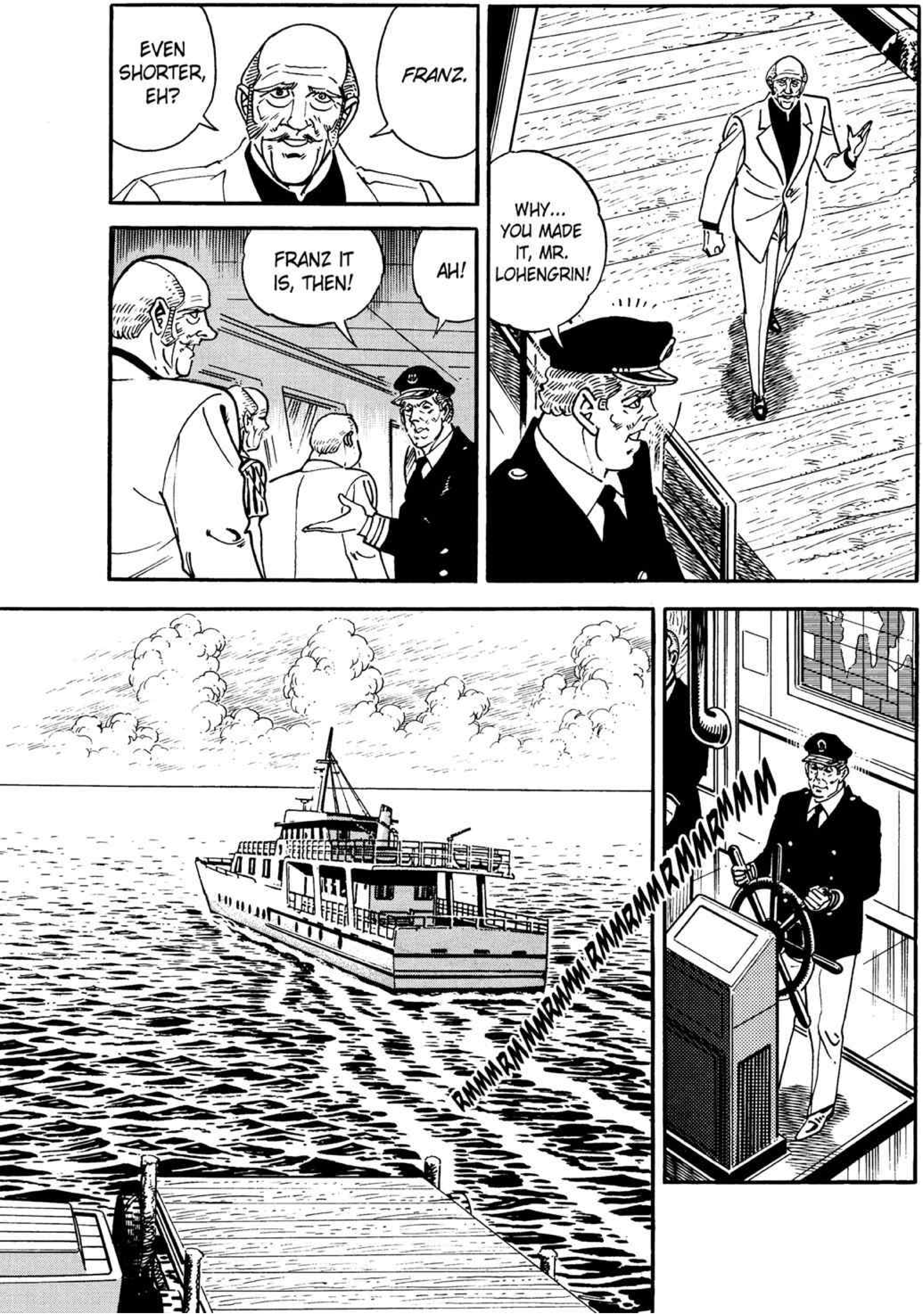
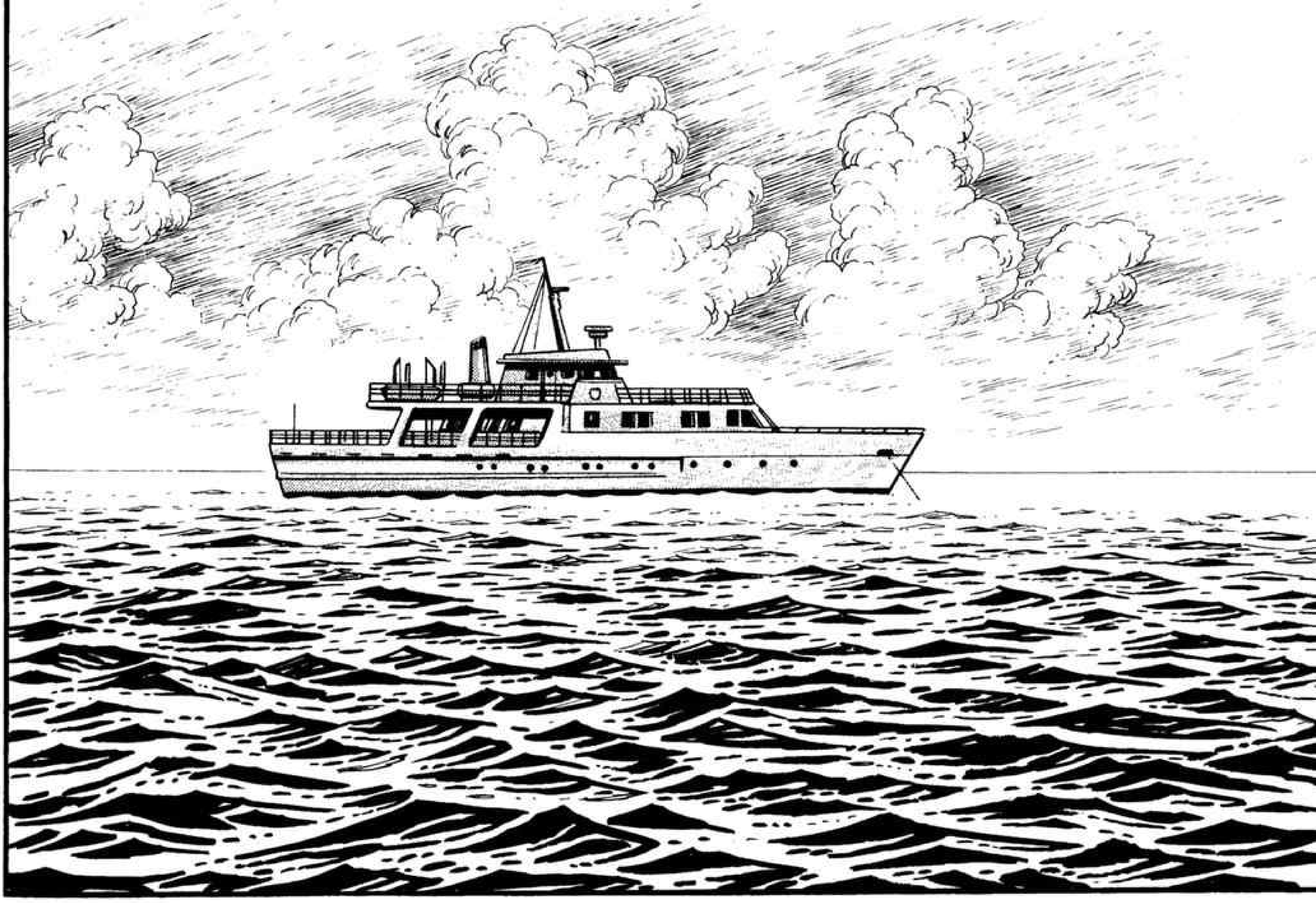
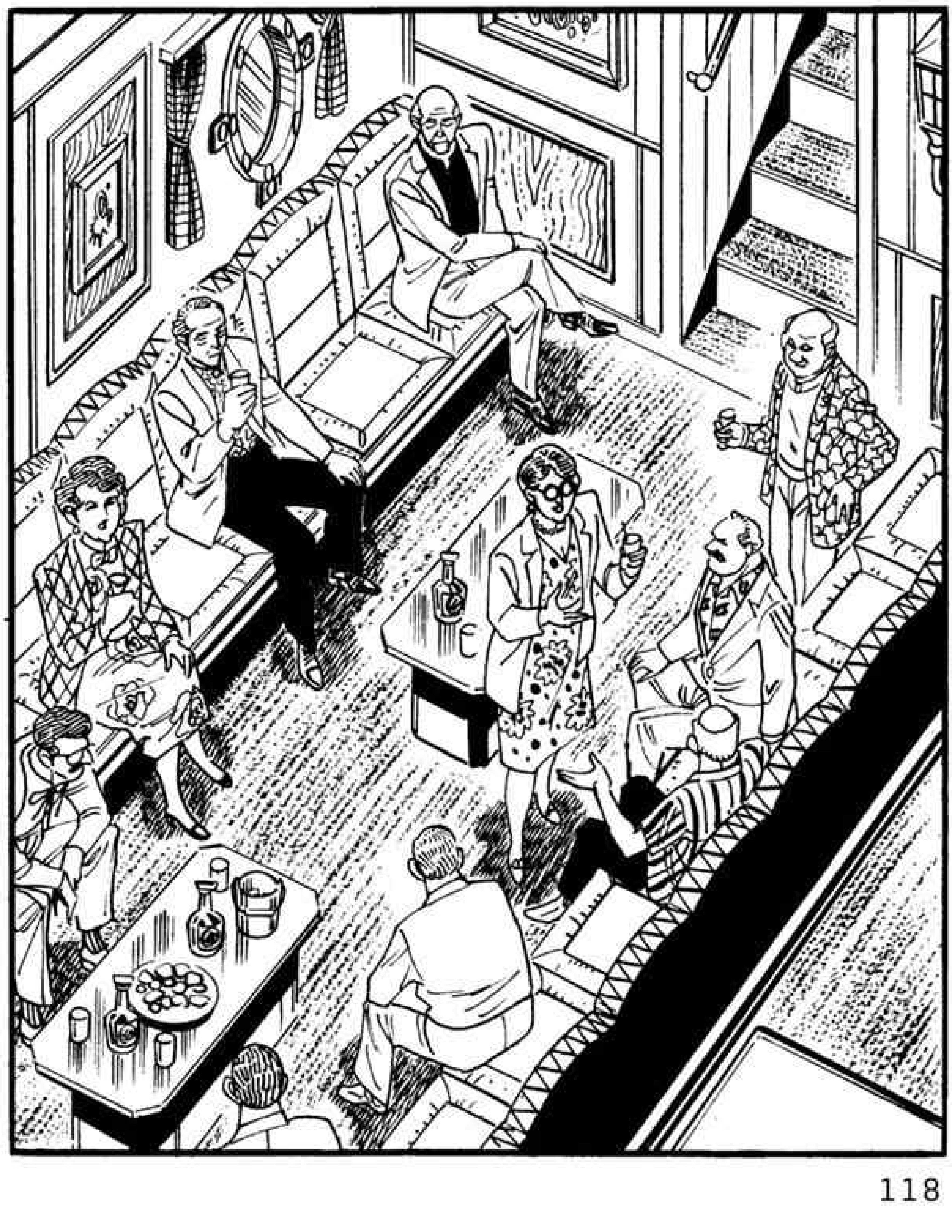
KNOW ALIGNMENT

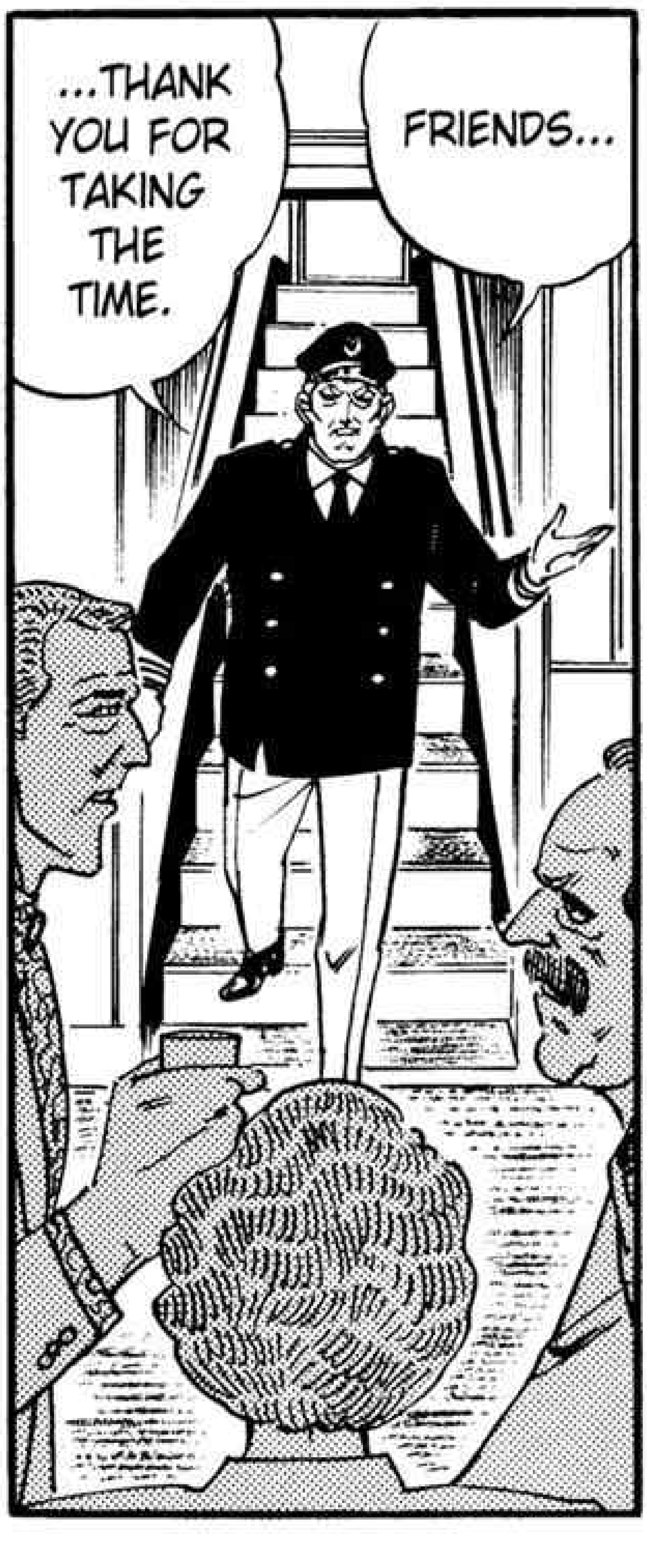


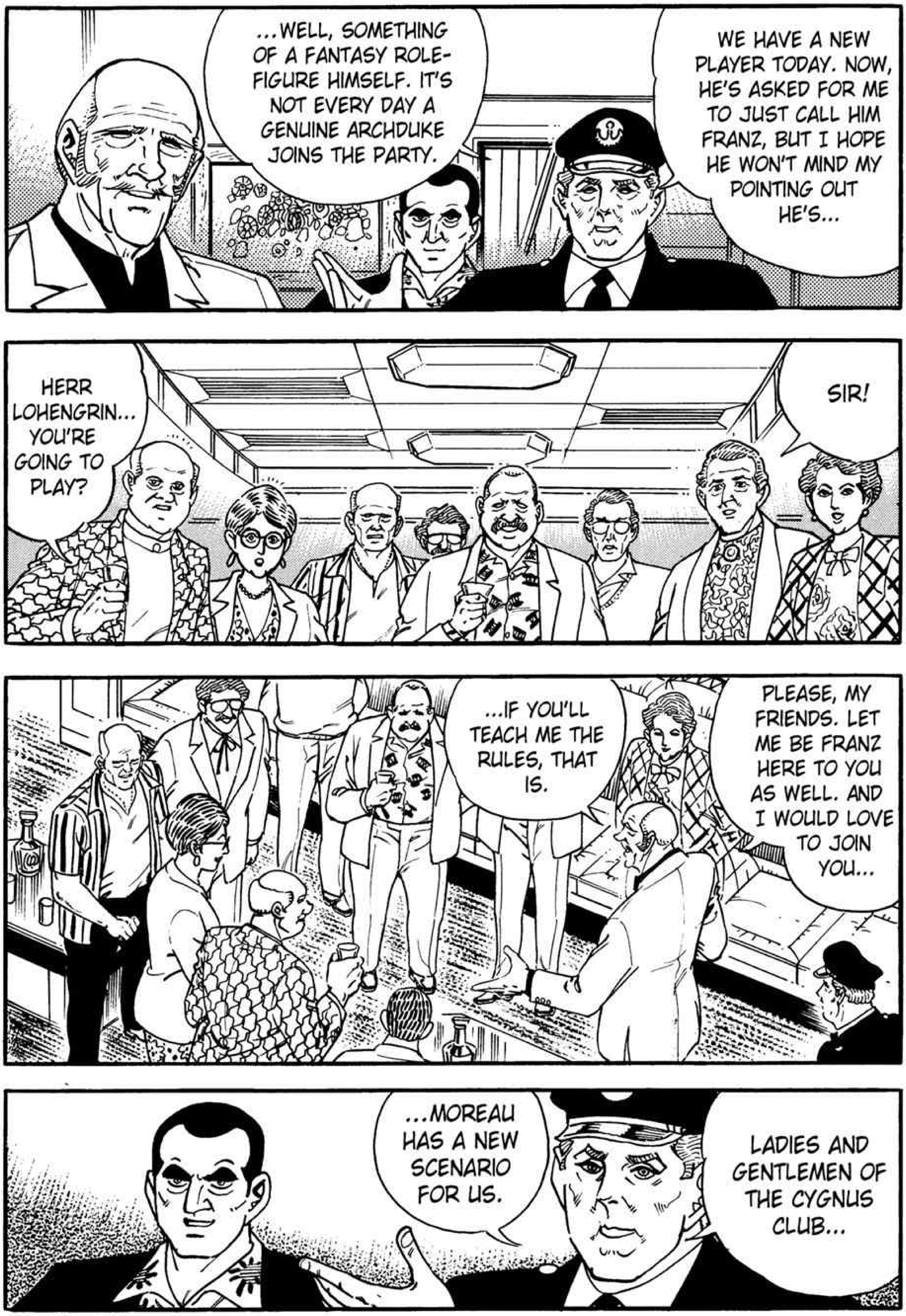

AH, GEROLF.
GOING DOWN INTO A DUNGEON TODAY, ARE WE?
YES...THEY SAY THERE'S A DRAGON IN THERE.
LYING UPON A VAST HOARD OF TREASURE, I'M TOLD.
AH, IF *ONLY!*
HA-HA-HA!
HEH, HEH.

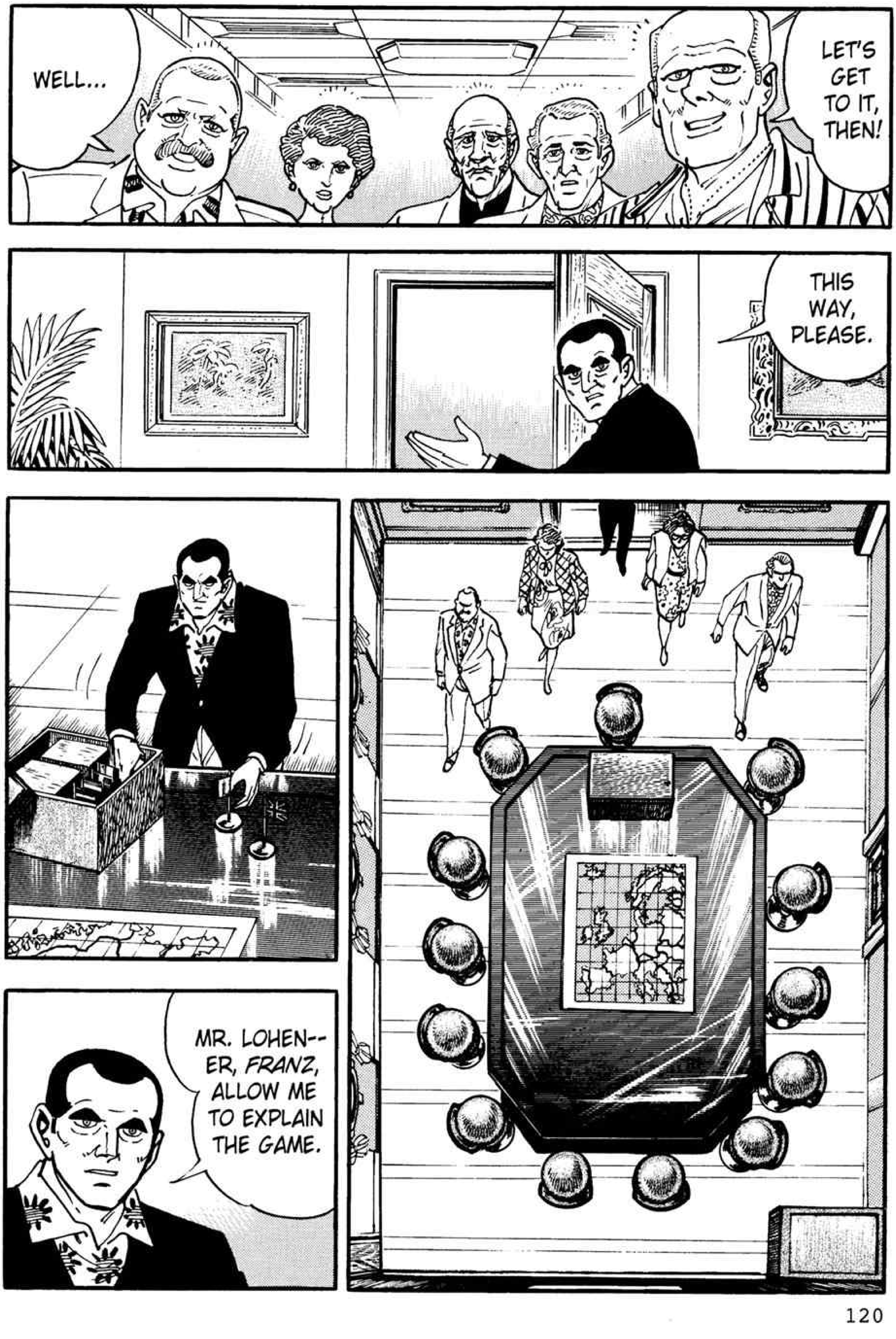

WHY... YOU MADE IT, MR. LOHENGRIN!
FRANZ.
EVEN SHORTER, EH?
AH!
FRANZ IT IS, THEN!
RMMMRMMMRMMMRMMMRMMMRMMMRMMMM

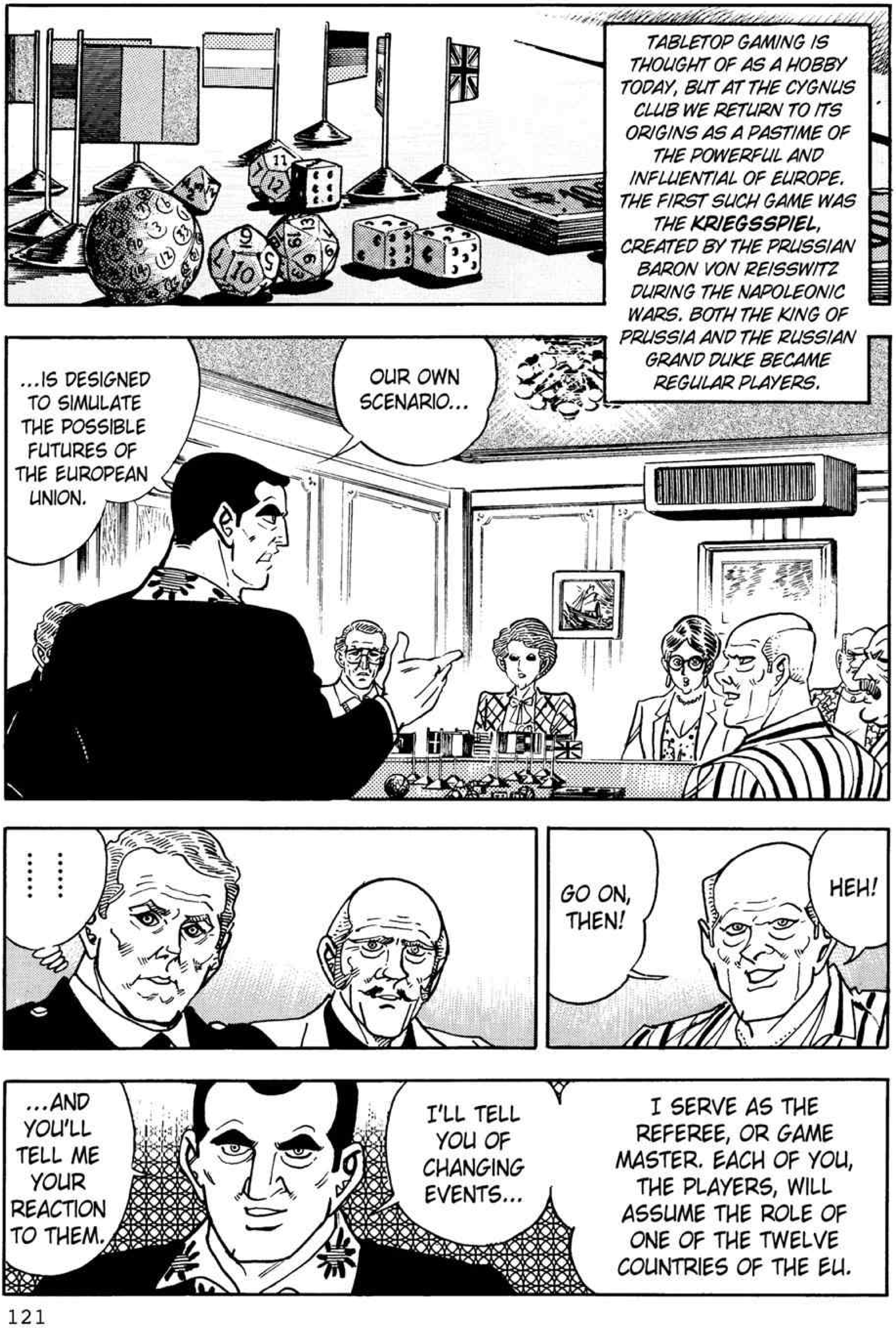


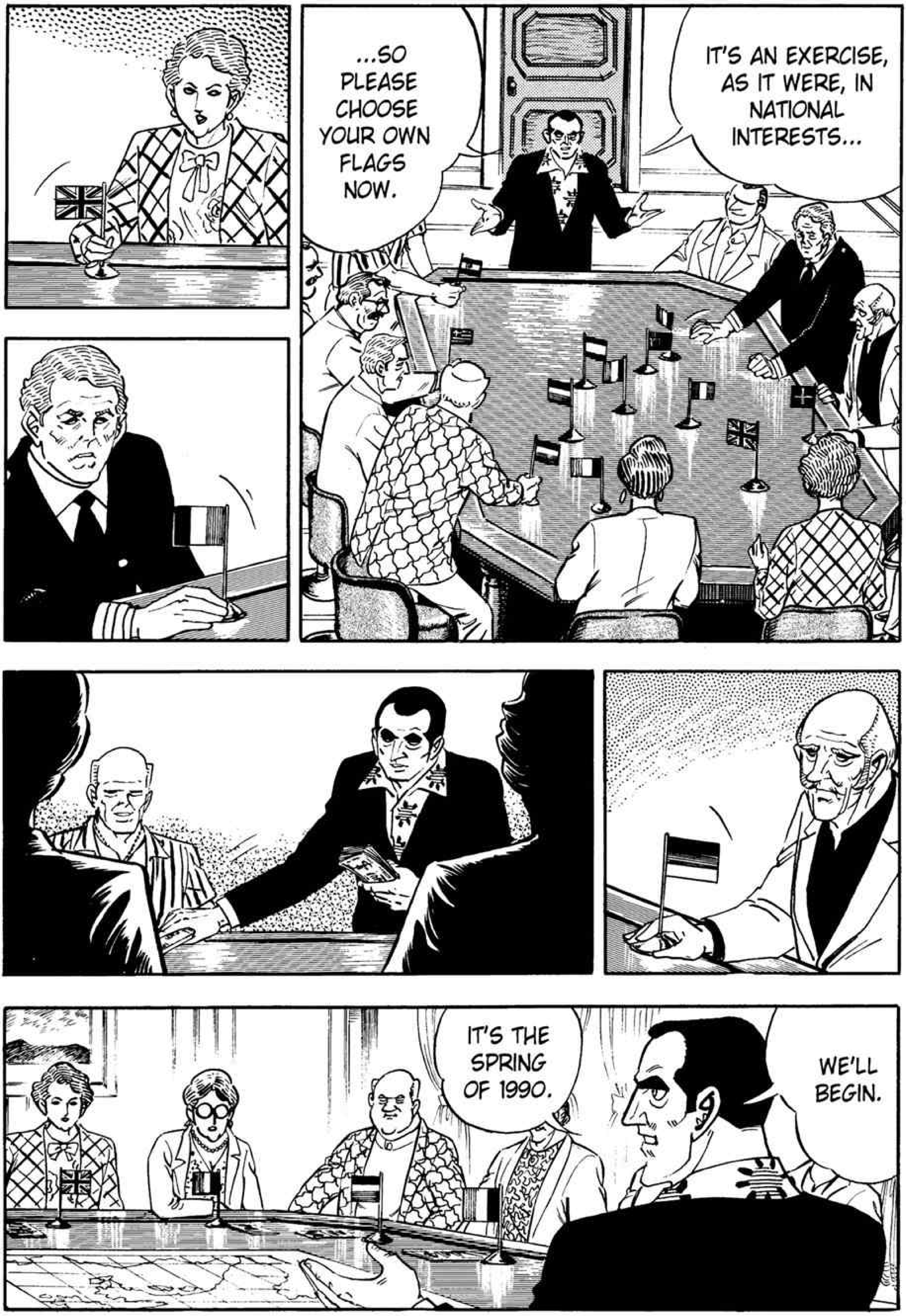


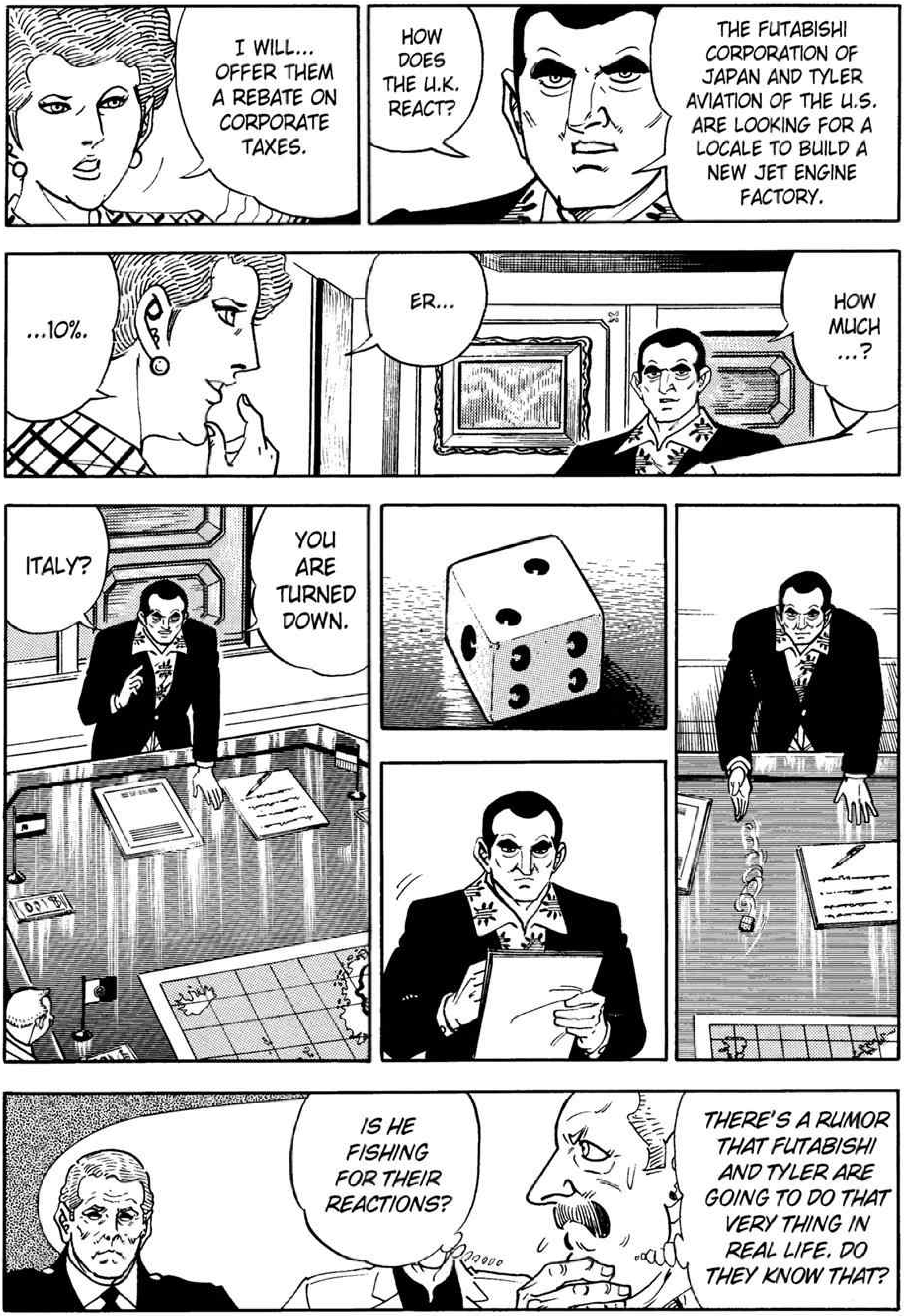

FRIENDS...
...THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME.


WE HAVE A NEW PLAYER TODAY. NOW, HE'S ASKED FOR ME TO JUST CALL HIM FRANZ, BUT I HOPE HE WON'T MIND MY POINTING OUT HE'S...
...WELL, SOMETHING OF A FANTASY ROLE-FIGURE HIMSELF. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A GENUINE ARCHDUKE JOINS THE PARTY.
SIR!
HERR LOHENGRIN... YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY?
PLEASE, MY FRIENDS. LET ME BE FRANZ HERE TO YOU AS WELL. AND I WOULD LOVE TO JOIN YOU...
...IF YOU'LL TEACH ME THE RULES, THAT IS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CYGNUS CLUB...
...MOREAU HAS A NEW SCENARIO FOR US.


WELL...
LET'S GET TO IT, THEN!
THIS WAY, PLEASE.
MR. LOHENER--, *FRANZ*, ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE GAME.

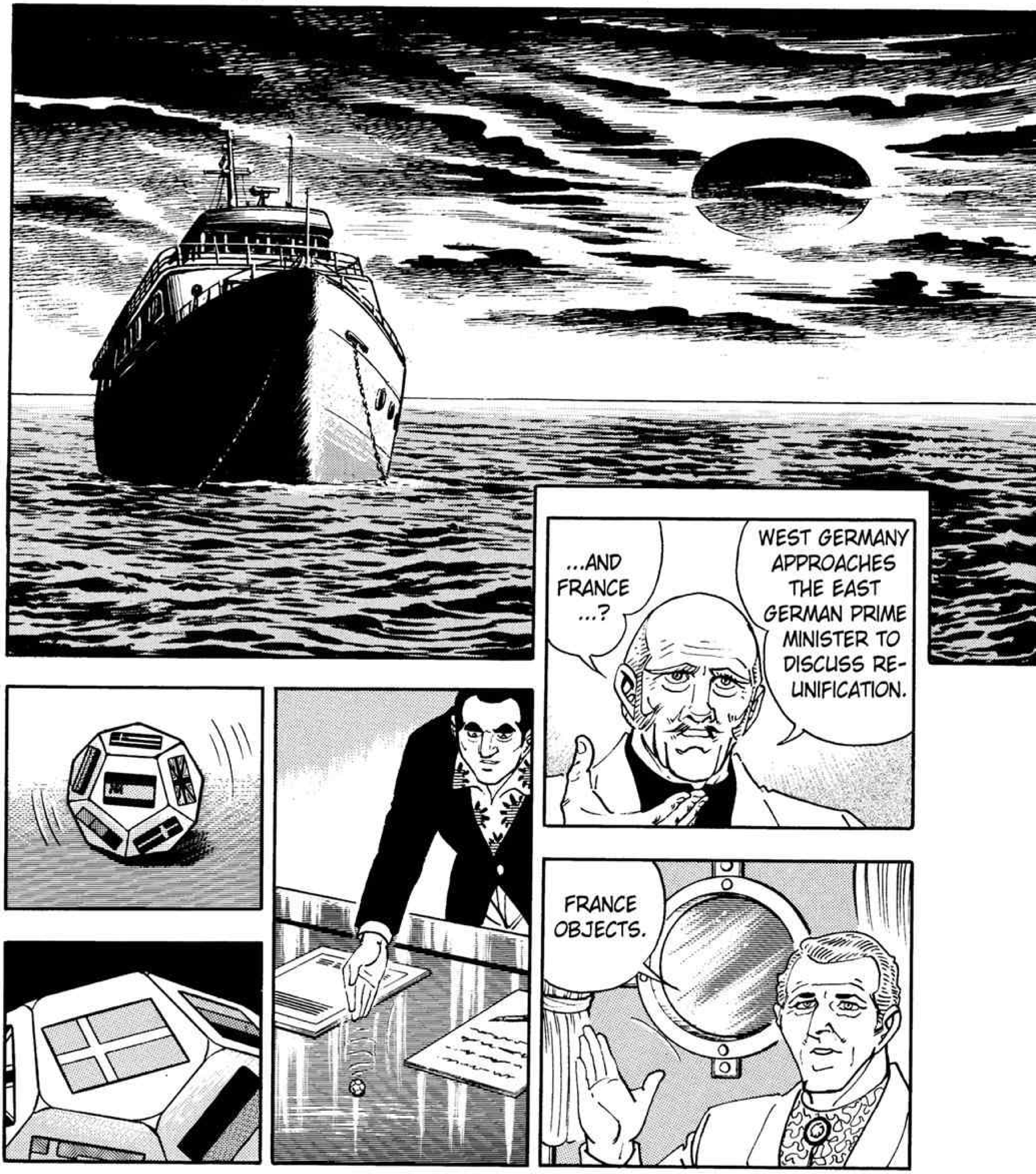

TABLETOP GAMING IS THOUGHT OF AS A HOBBY TODAY, BUT AT THE CYGNUS CLUB WE RETURN TO ITS ORIGINS AS A PASTIME OF THE POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL OF EUROPE. THE FIRST SUCH GAME WAS THE **KRIEGSSPIEL,** CREATED BY THE PRUSSIAN BARON VON REISSWITZ DURING THE NAPOLEONIC WARS. BOTH THE KING OF PRUSSIA AND THE RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE BECAME REGULAR PLAYERS.
OUR OWN SCENARIO...
...IS DESIGNED TO SIMULATE THE POSSIBLE FUTURES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.
HEH!
GO ON, THEN!
......
I SERVE AS THE REFEREE, OR GAME MASTER. EACH OF YOU, THE PLAYERS, WILL ASSUME THE ROLE OF ONE OF THE TWELVE COUNTRIES OF THE EU.
I'LL TELL YOU OF CHANGING EVENTS...
...AND YOU'LL TELL ME YOUR REACTION TO THEM.

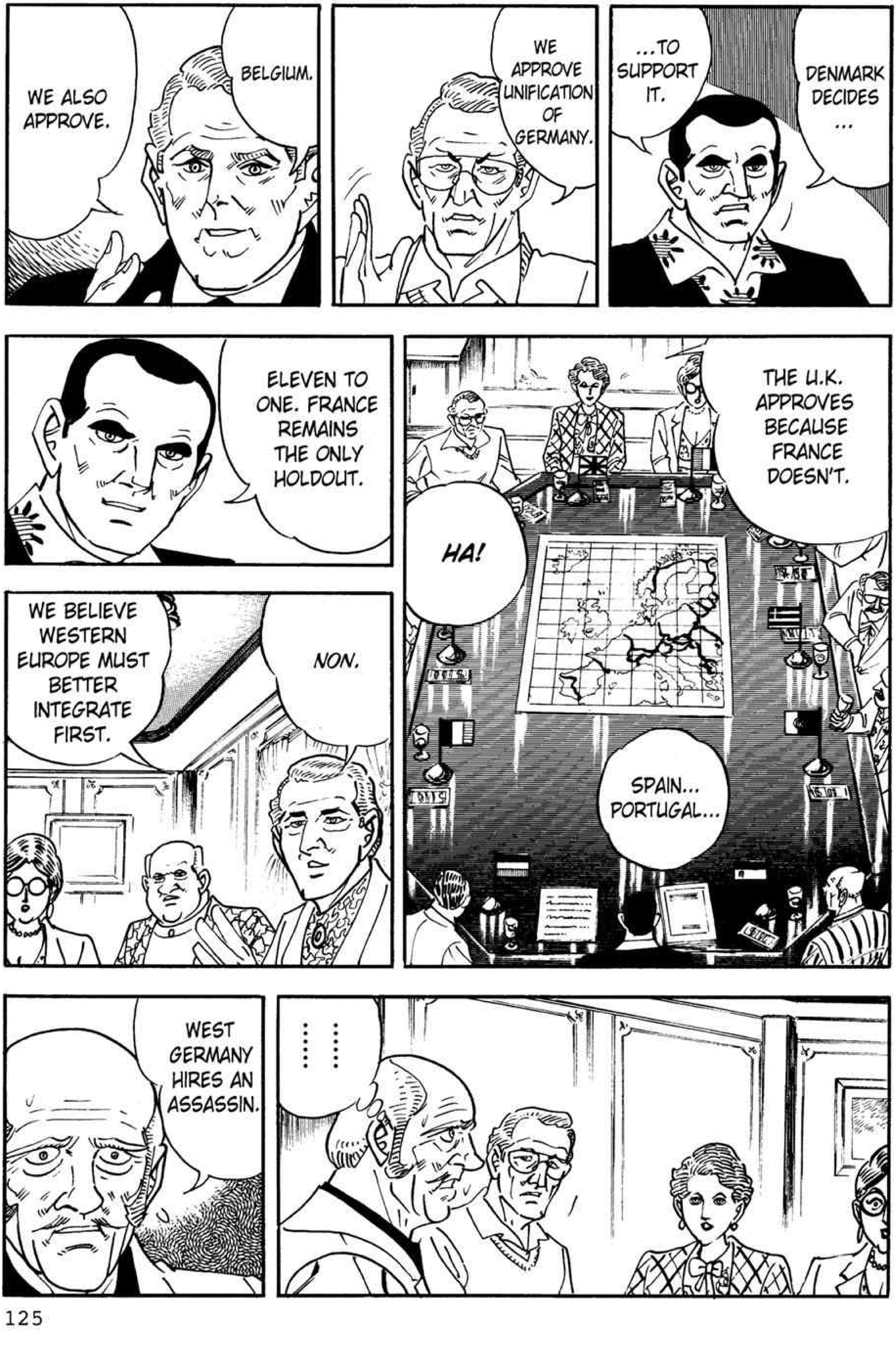

IT'S AN EXERCISE, AS IT WERE, IN NATIONAL INTERESTS...
...SO PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR OWN FLAGS NOW.
WE'LL BEGIN.
IT'S THE SPRING OF 1990.

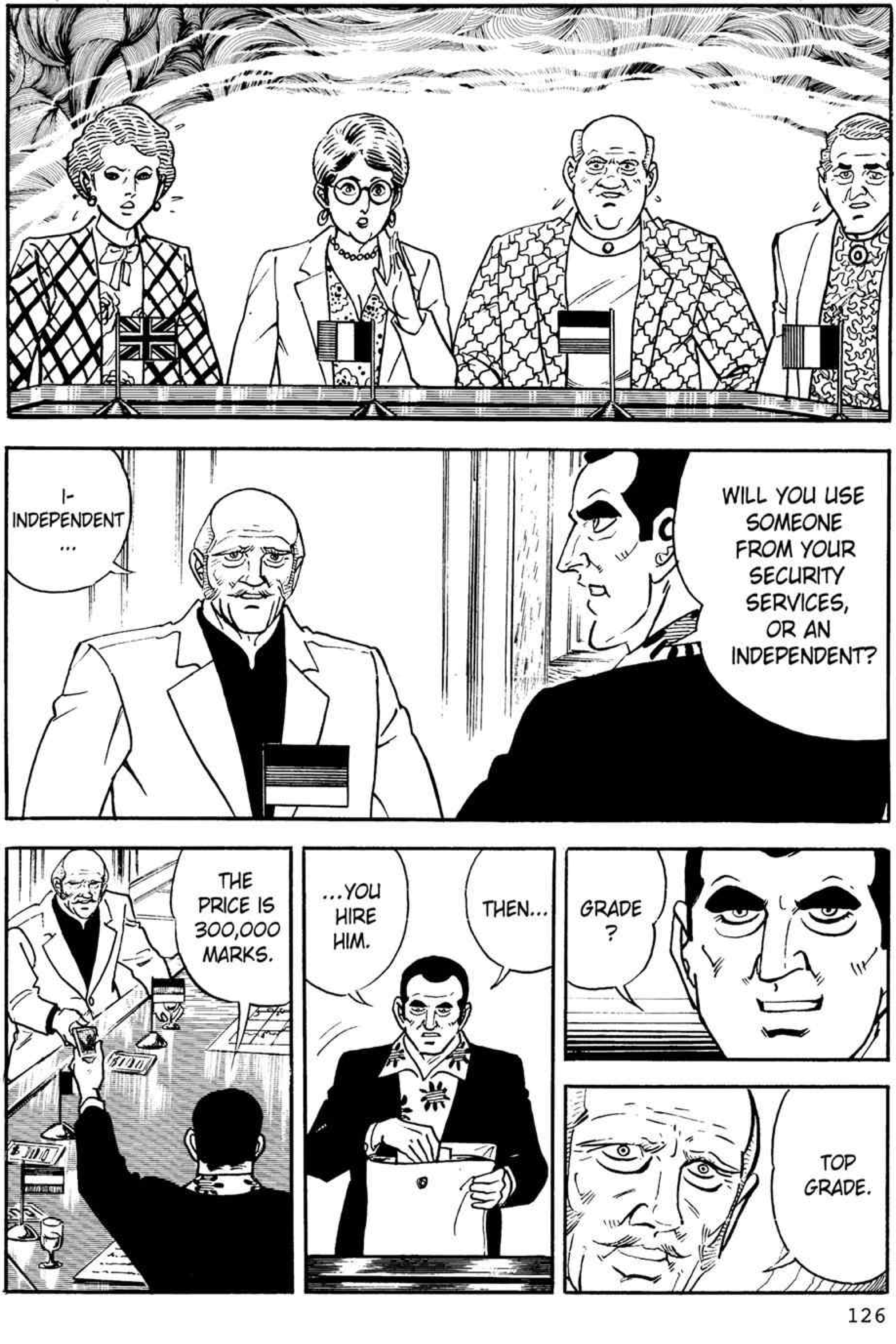

THE FUTABISHI CORPORATION OF JAPAN AND TYLER AVIATION OF THE U.S. ARE LOOKING FOR A LOCALE TO BUILD A NEW JET ENGINE FACTORY.
HOW DOES THE U.K. REACT?
I WILL... OFFER THEM A REBATE ON CORPORATE TAXES.
HOW MUCH ...?
ER...
...10%.
YOU ARE TURNED DOWN.
ITALY?
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT FUTABISHI AND TYLER ARE GOING TO DO THAT VERY THING IN REAL LIFE. DO THEY KNOW THAT?
IS HE FISHING FOR THEIR REACTIONS?

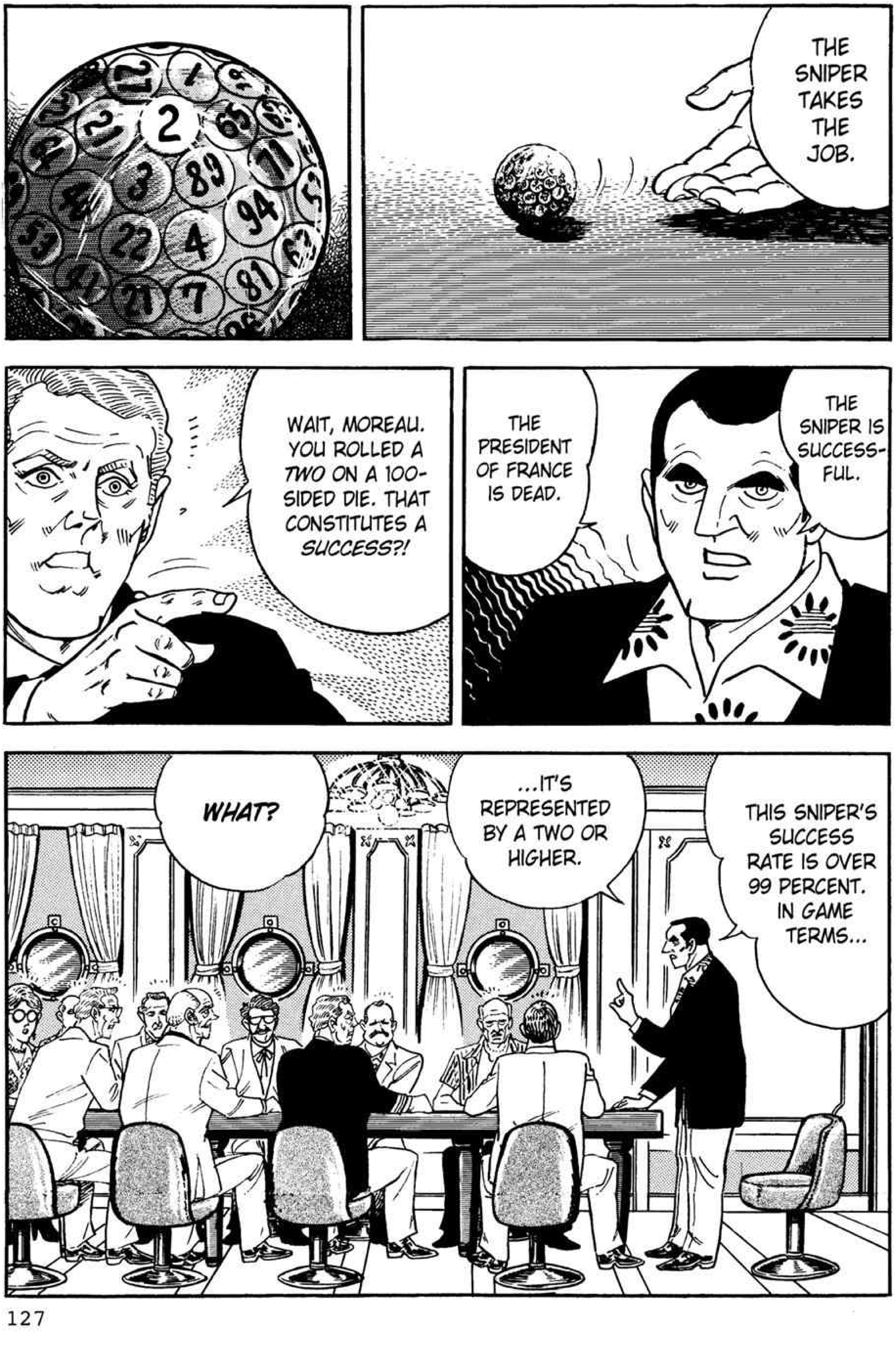
PART 5

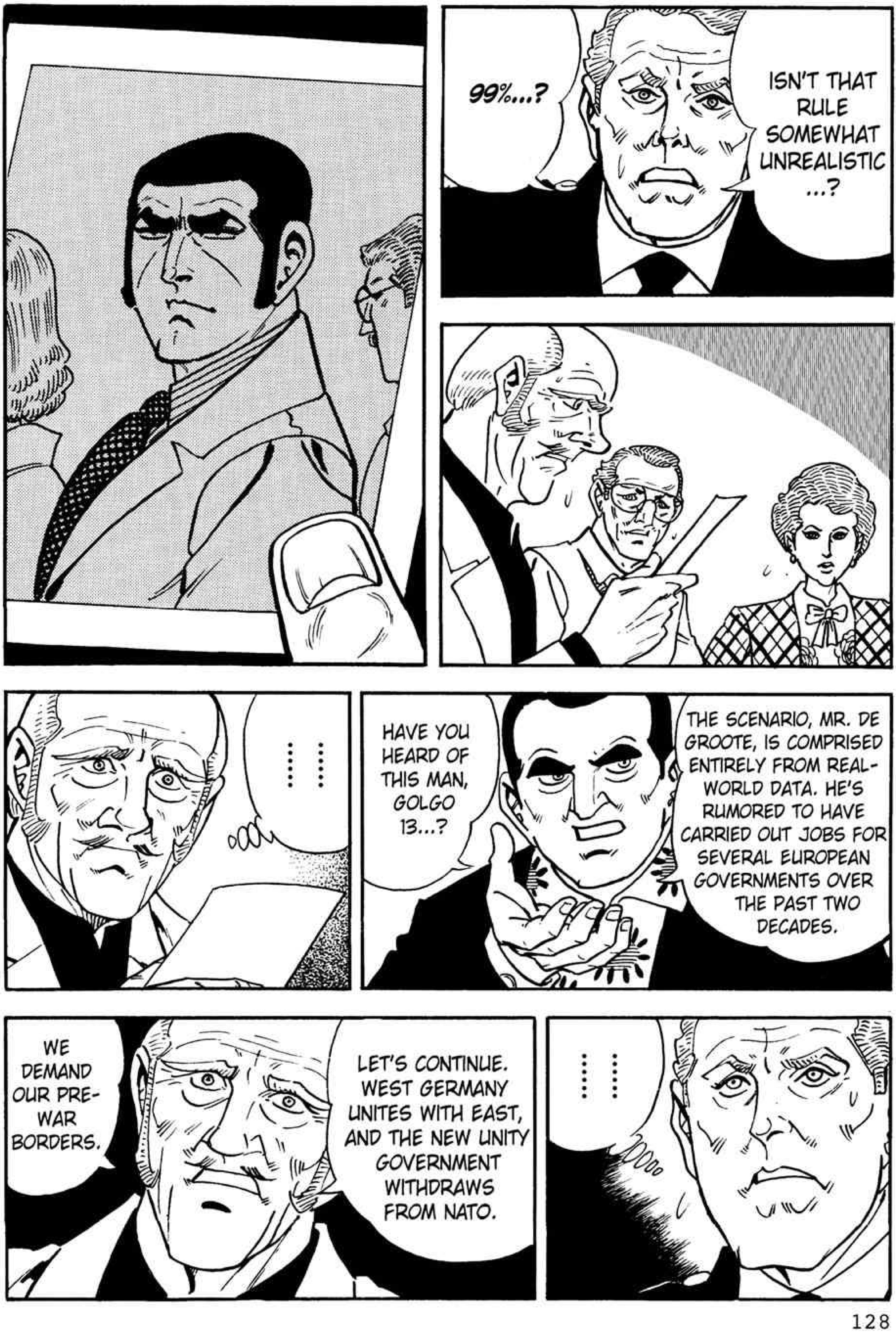
DEATH SPELL


WEST GERMANY APPROACHES THE EAST GERMAN PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS RE-UNIFICATION.
...AND FRANCE ...?
FRANCE OBJECTS.


DENMARK DECIDES ...
...TO SUPPORT IT.
WE APPROVE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY.
BELGIUM.
WE ALSO APPROVE.
THE U.K. APPROVES BECAUSE FRANCE DOESN'T.
HA!
SPAIN... PORTUGAL...
ELEVEN TO ONE. FRANCE REMAINS THE ONLY HOLDOUT.
NON.
WE BELIEVE WESTERN EUROPE MUST BETTER INTEGRATE FIRST.
......
WEST GERMANY HIRES AN ASSASSIN.


WILL YOU USE SOMEONE FROM YOUR SECURITY SERVICES, OR AN INDEPENDENT?
I- INDEPENDENT ...
GRADE ?
TOP GRADE.
THEN...
...YOU HIRE HIM.
THE PRICE IS 300,000 MARKS.


THE SNIPER TAKES THE JOB.
THE SNIPER IS SUCCESSFUL.
THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE IS DEAD.
WAIT, MOREAU. YOU ROLLED A *TWO* ON A 100-SIDED DIE. THAT CONSTITUTES A *SUCCESS?!*
THIS SNIPER'S SUCCESS RATE IS OVER 99 PERCENT. IN GAME TERMS...
...IT'S REPRESENTED BY A TWO OR HIGHER.
WHAT?


99%...?
ISN'T THAT RULE SOMEWHAT UNREALISTIC ...?
......
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS MAN, GOLGO 13...?
THE SCENARIO, MR. DE GROOTE, IS COMPRISED ENTIRELY FROM REAL-WORLD DATA. HE'S RUMORED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT JOBS FOR SEVERAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES.
WE DEMAND OUR PRE-WAR BORDERS.
LET'S CONTINUE. WEST GERMANY UNITES WITH EAST, AND THE NEW UNITY GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS FROM NATO.
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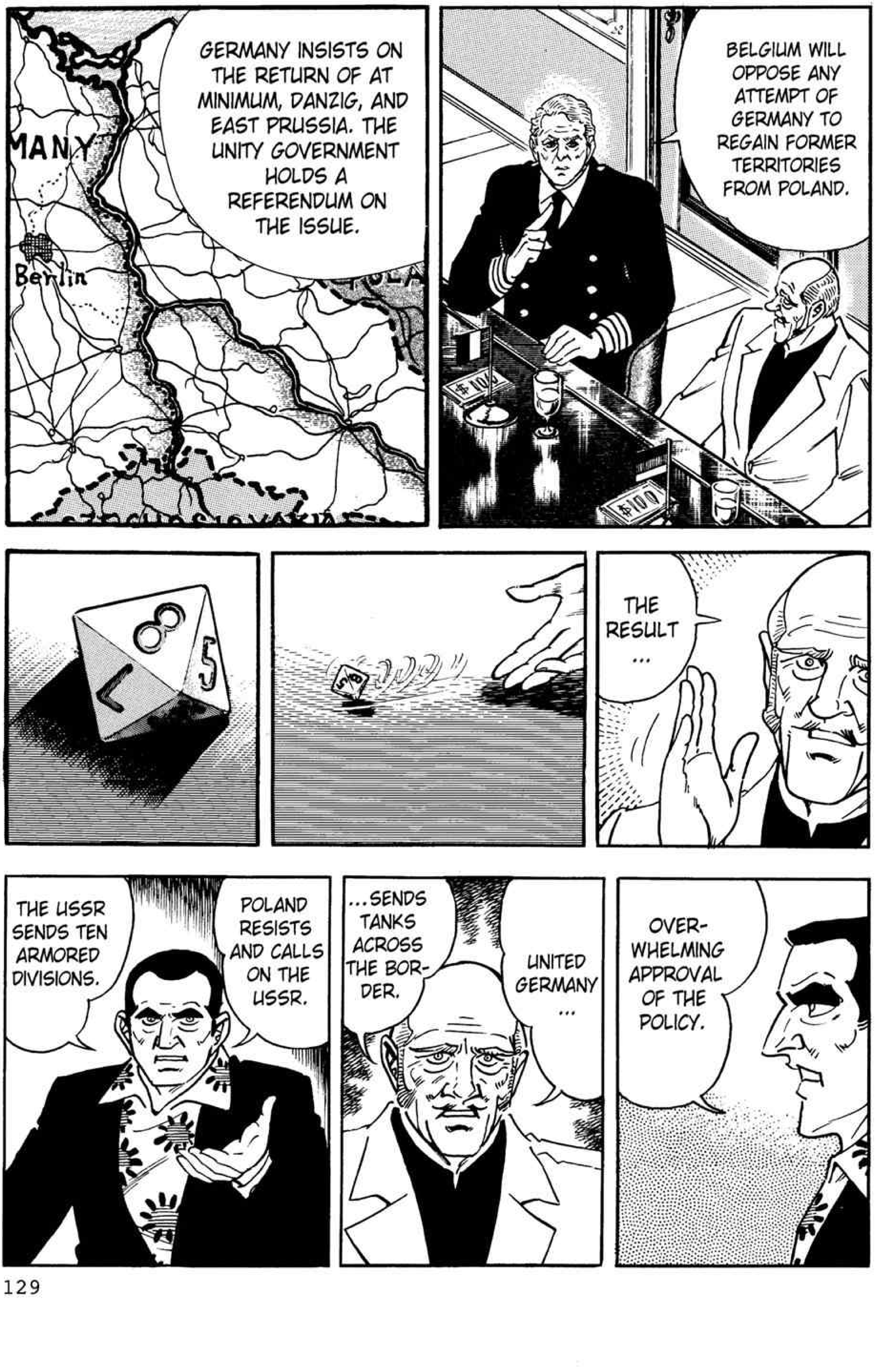
MANY
Berlin
GERMANY INSISTS ON THE RETURN OF AT MINIMUM, DANZIG, AND EAST PRUSSIA. THE UNITY GOVERNMENT HOLDS A REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE.
BELGIUM WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT OF GERMANY TO REGAIN FORMER TERRITORIES FROM POLAND.
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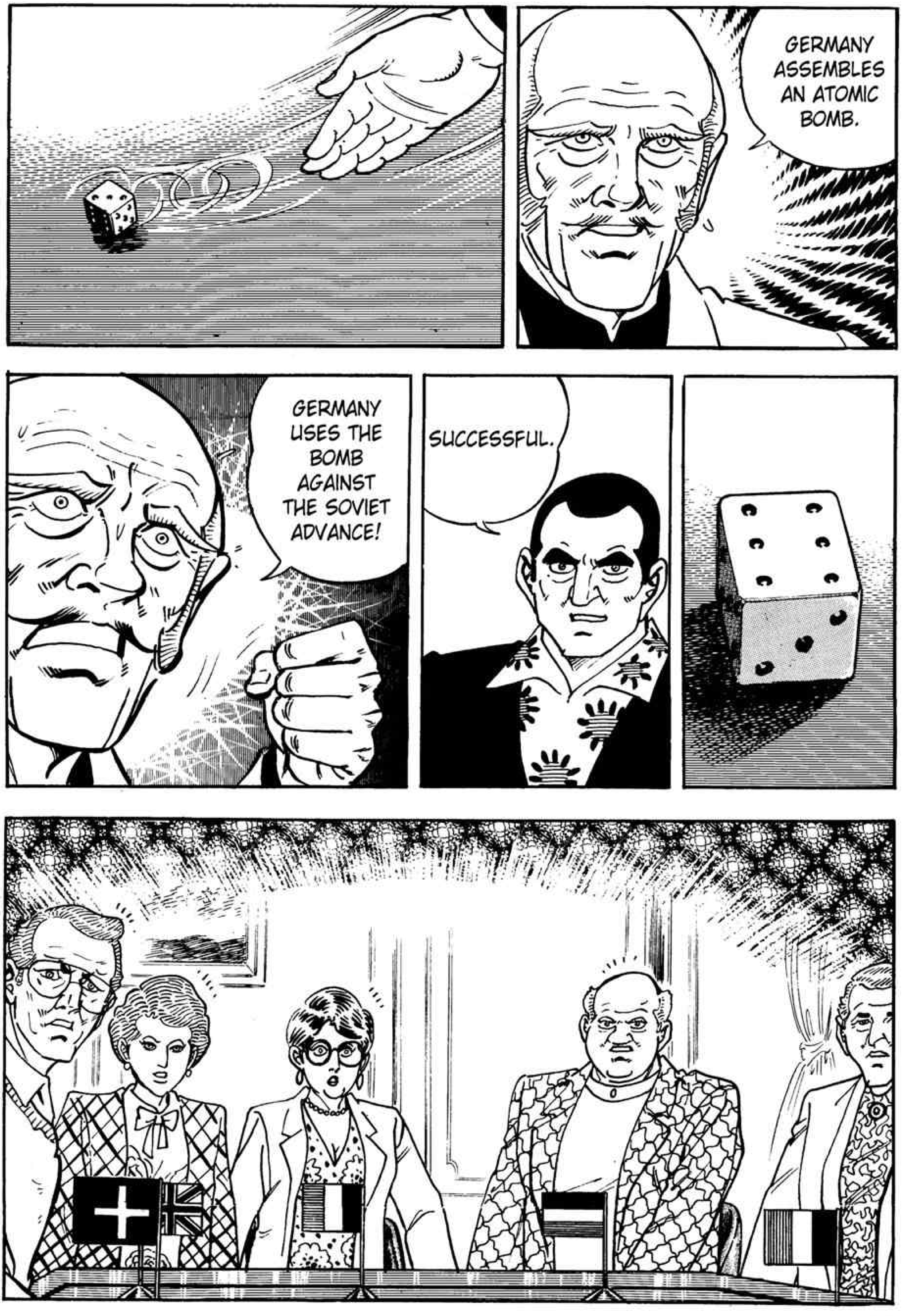
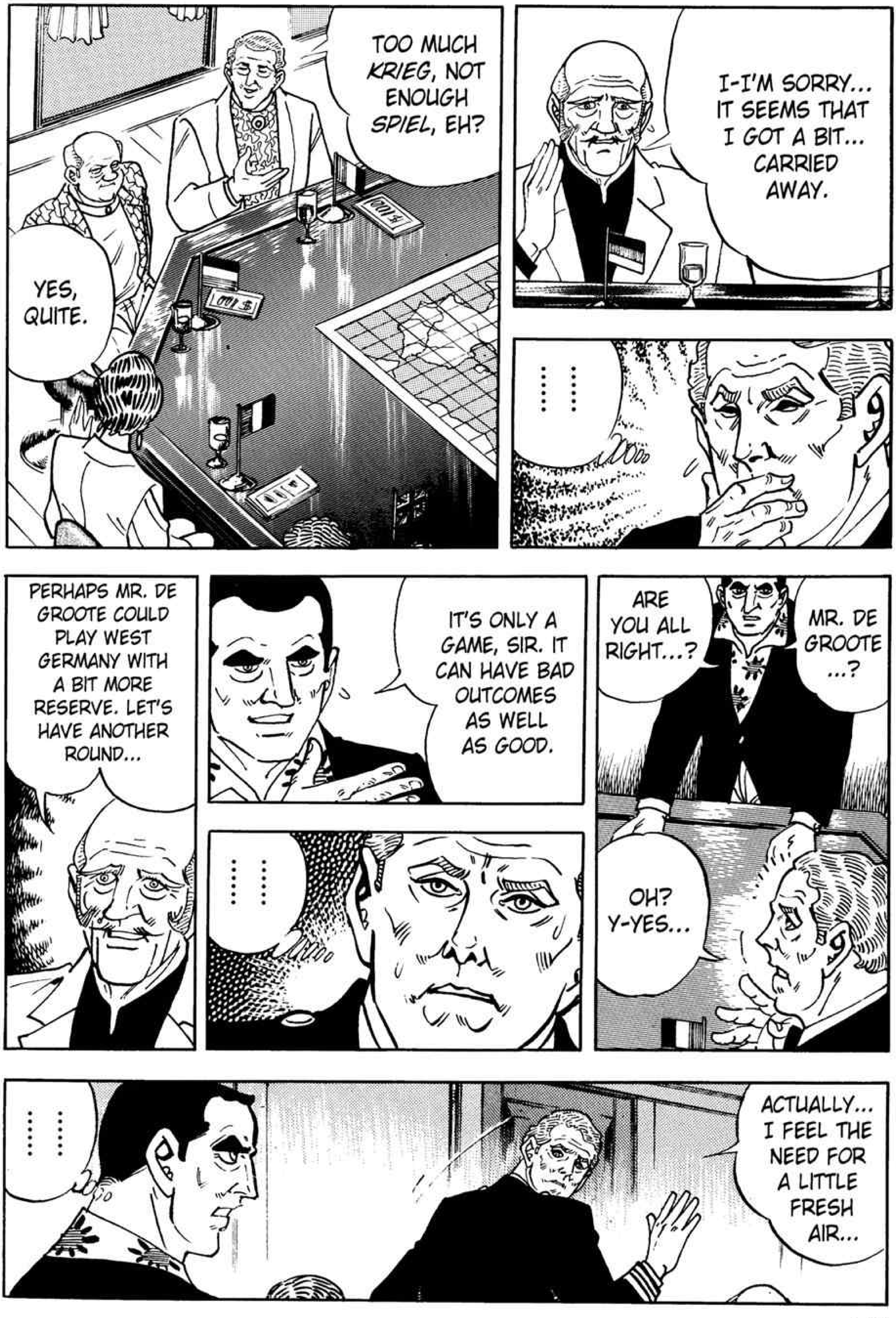
THE RESULT ...
THE USSR SENDS TEN ARMORED DIVISIONS.
POLAND RESISTS AND CALLS ON THE USSR.
...SENDS TANKS ACROSS THE BORDER.
UNITED GERMANY ...
OVERWHELMING APPROVAL OF THE POLICY.

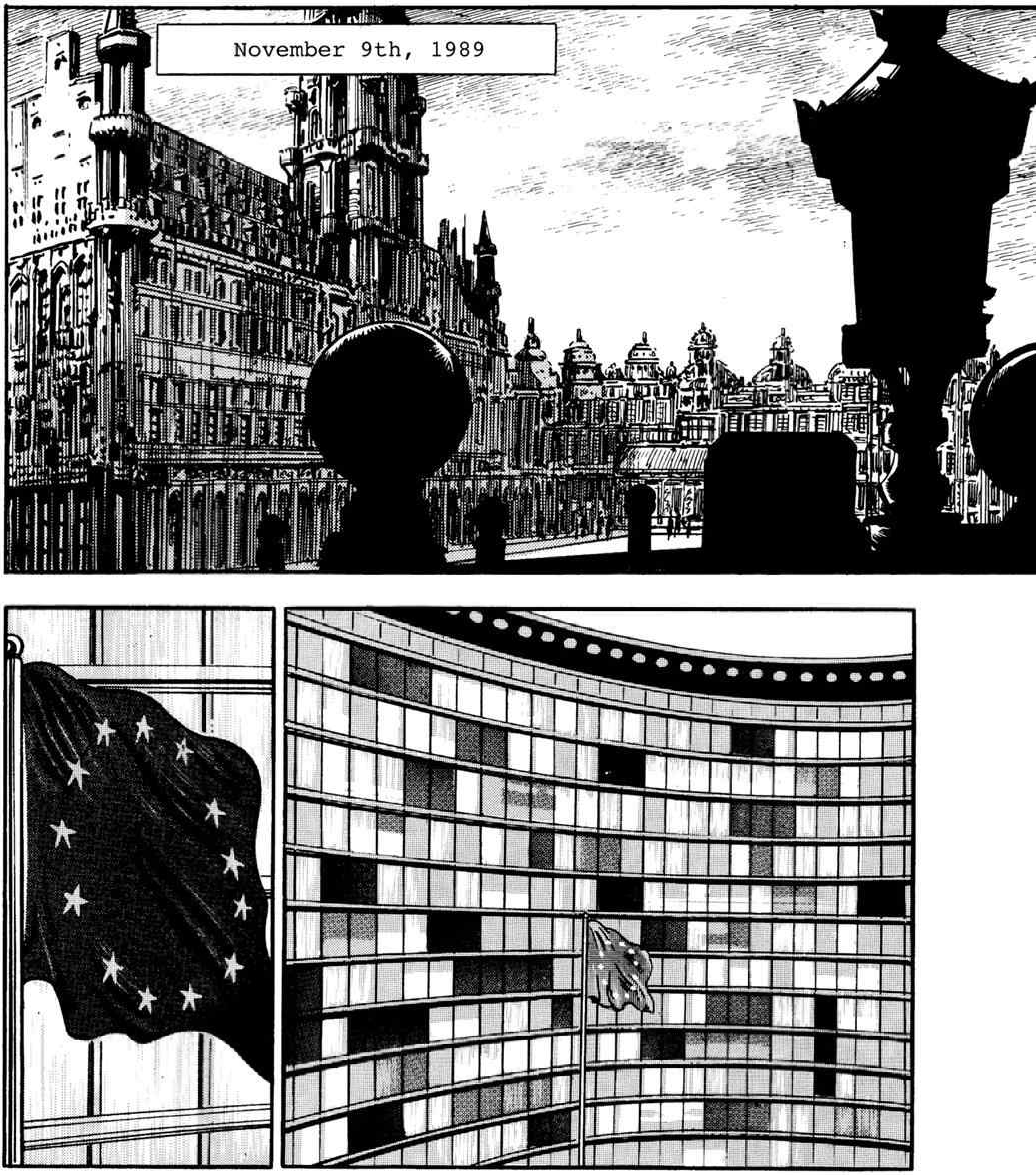

GERMANY ASSEMBLES AN ATOMIC BOMB.
GERMANY USES THE BOMB AGAINST THE SOVIET ADVANCE!
SUCCESSFUL.

GAME OVER, FRANZ!
THE WAR ESCALATES TO A GENERAL NUCLEAR EXCHANGE.
WORLD WAR III BEGINS.


TOO MUCH *KRIEG*, NOT ENOUGH *SPIEL*, EH?
YES, QUITE.
I-I'M SORRY... IT SEEMS THAT I GOT A BIT... CARRIED AWAY.
......
PERHAPS MR. DE GROOTE COULD PLAY WEST GERMANY WITH A BIT MORE RESERVE. LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND...
IT'S ONLY A GAME, SIR. IT CAN HAVE BAD OUTCOMES AS WELL AS GOOD.
......
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
MR. DE GROOTE ...?
OH? Y-YES...
......
ACTUALLY... I FEEL THE NEED FOR A LITTLE FRESH AIR...

GOLGO 13...
I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM. CERTAINLY, HE EXISTS.
HE'S KILLED PEOPLE LIKE ME BEFORE.
HOW COULD GOVERNMENTS... RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE... ALLOW SUCH A TERRORIST TO REMAIN AT LARGE...
...YET CLAIM TO BE PLANNING FOR TOMORROW...?

PART 6 PASSWALL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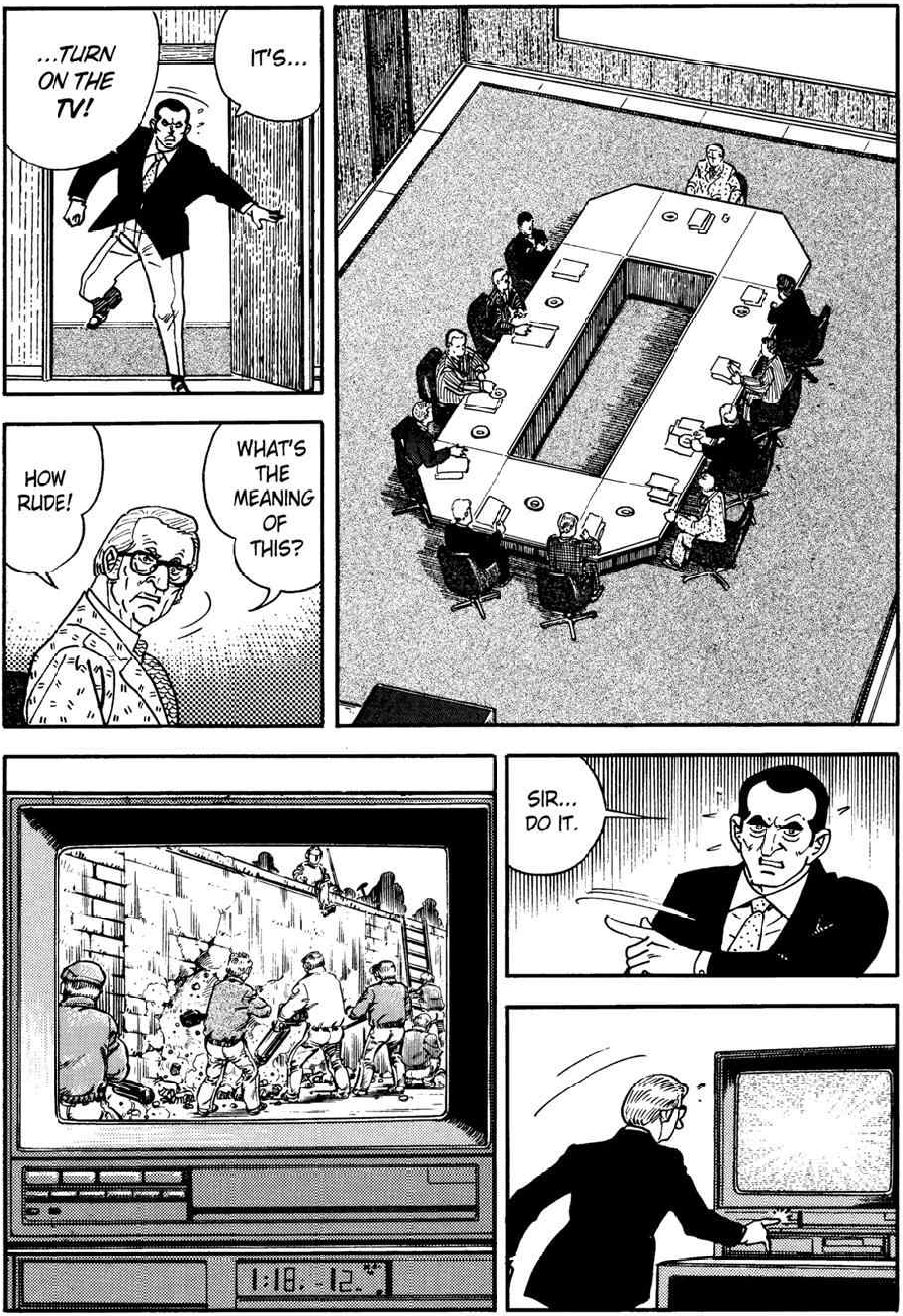
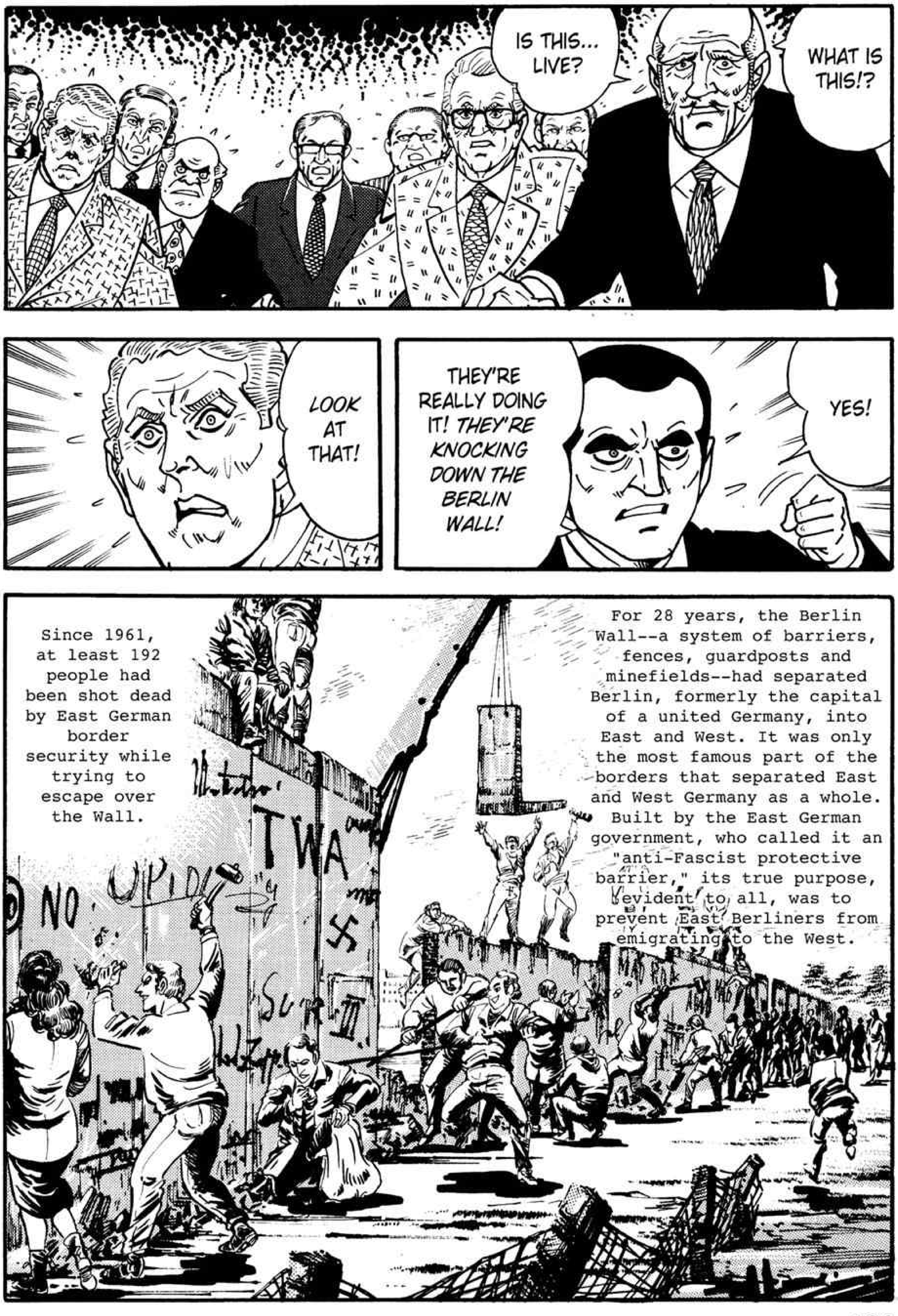
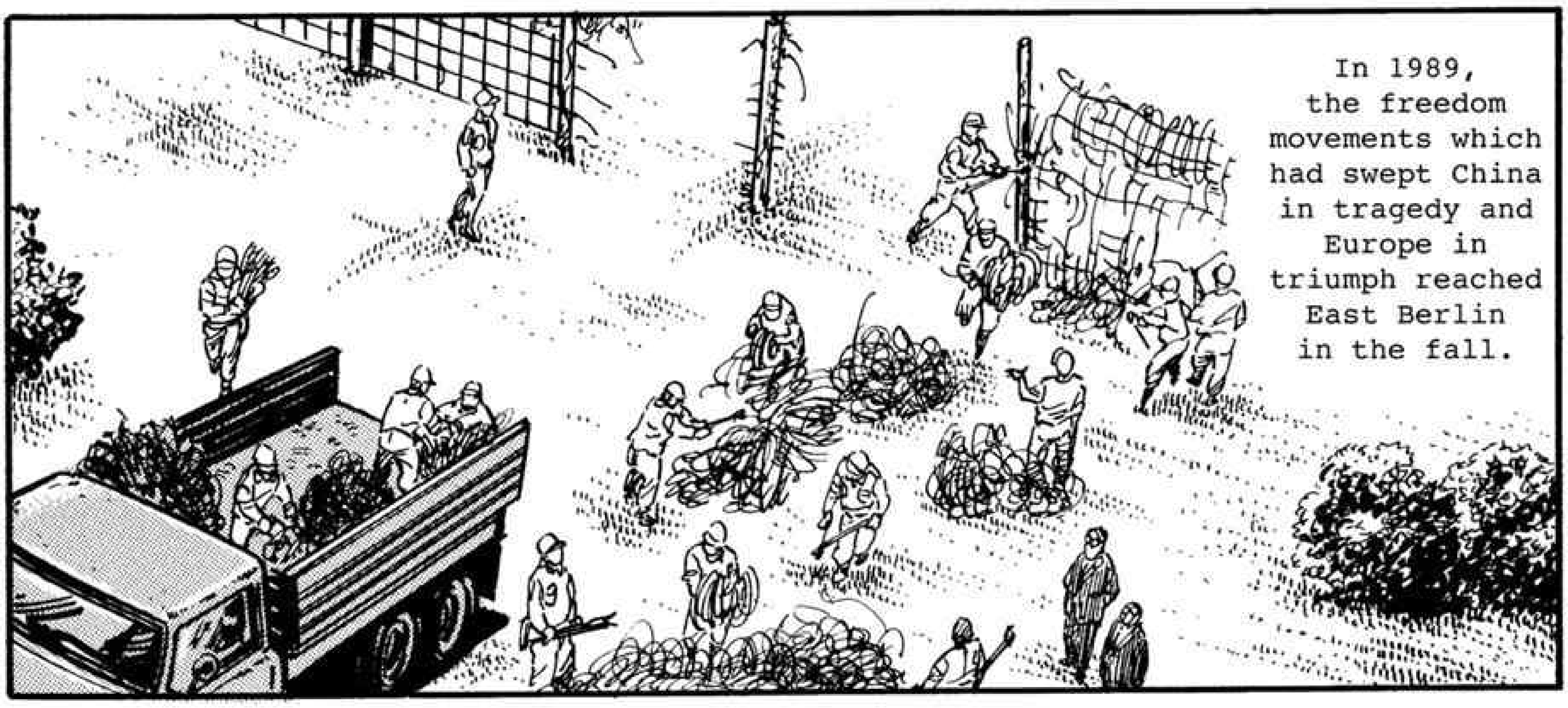

IT'S...
...TURN ON THE TV!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
HOW RUDE!
SIR... DO IT.
1:18.-12.

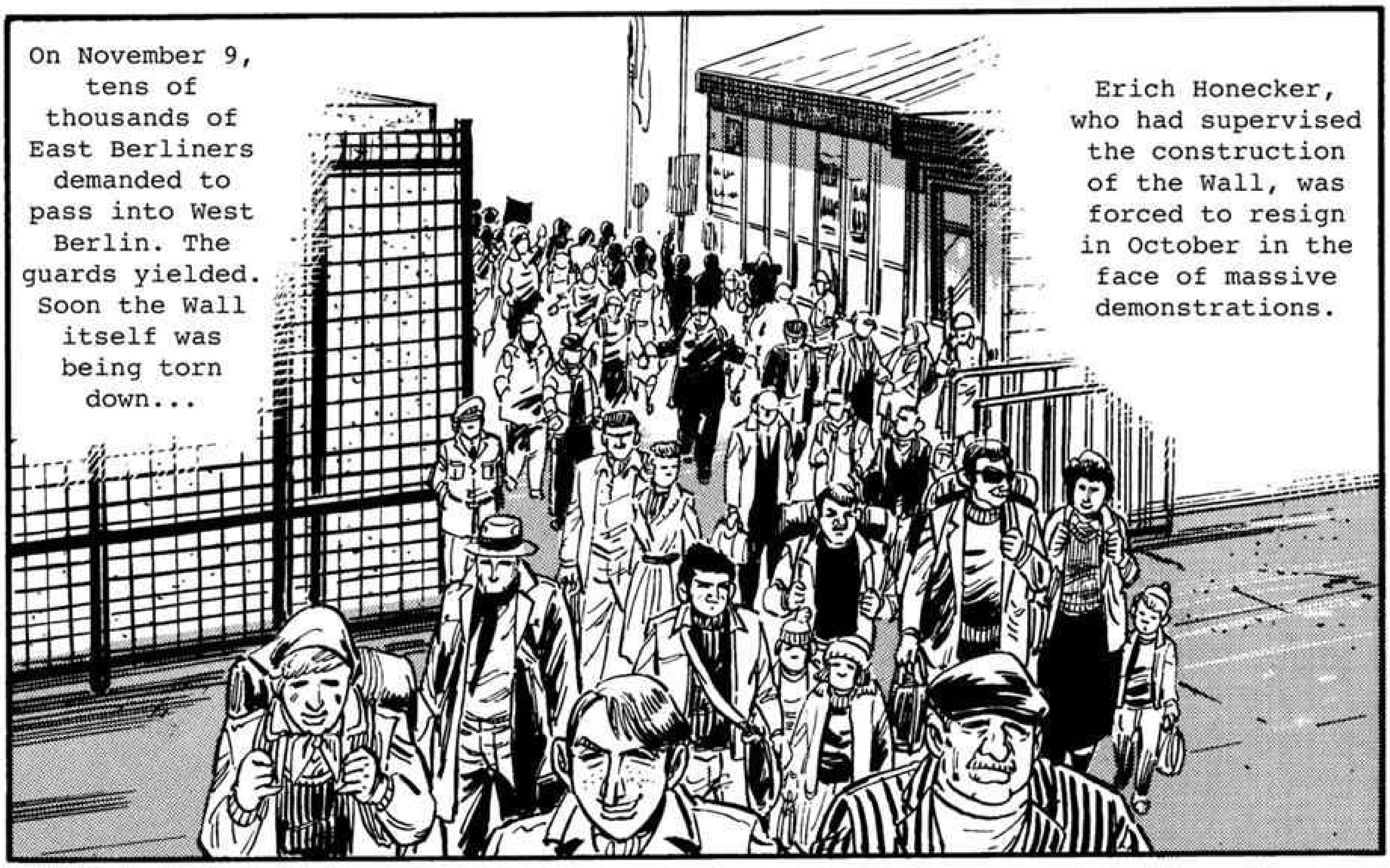

IS THIS... LIVE?
WHAT IS THIS!?
LOOK AT THAT!
THEY'RE REALLY DOING IT! *THEY'RE KNOCKING DOWN THE BERLIN WALL!*
YES!

Since 1961, at least 192 people had been shot dead by East German border security while trying to escape over the Wall.

For 28 years, the Berlin Wall--a system of barriers, fences, guardposts and minefields--had separated Berlin, formerly the capital of a united Germany, into East and West. It was only the most famous part of the borders that separated East and West Germany as a whole. Built by the East German government, who called it an "anti-Fascist protective barrier," its true purpose, evident to all, was to prevent East Berliners from emigrating to the West.

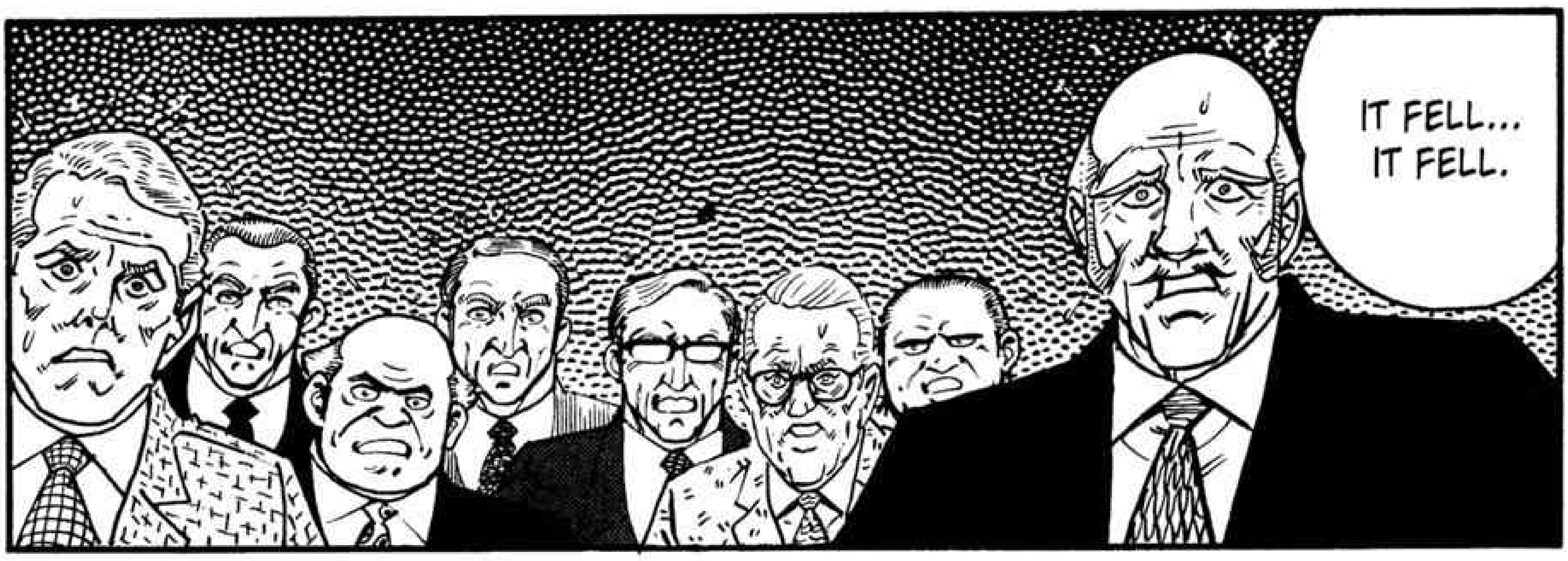


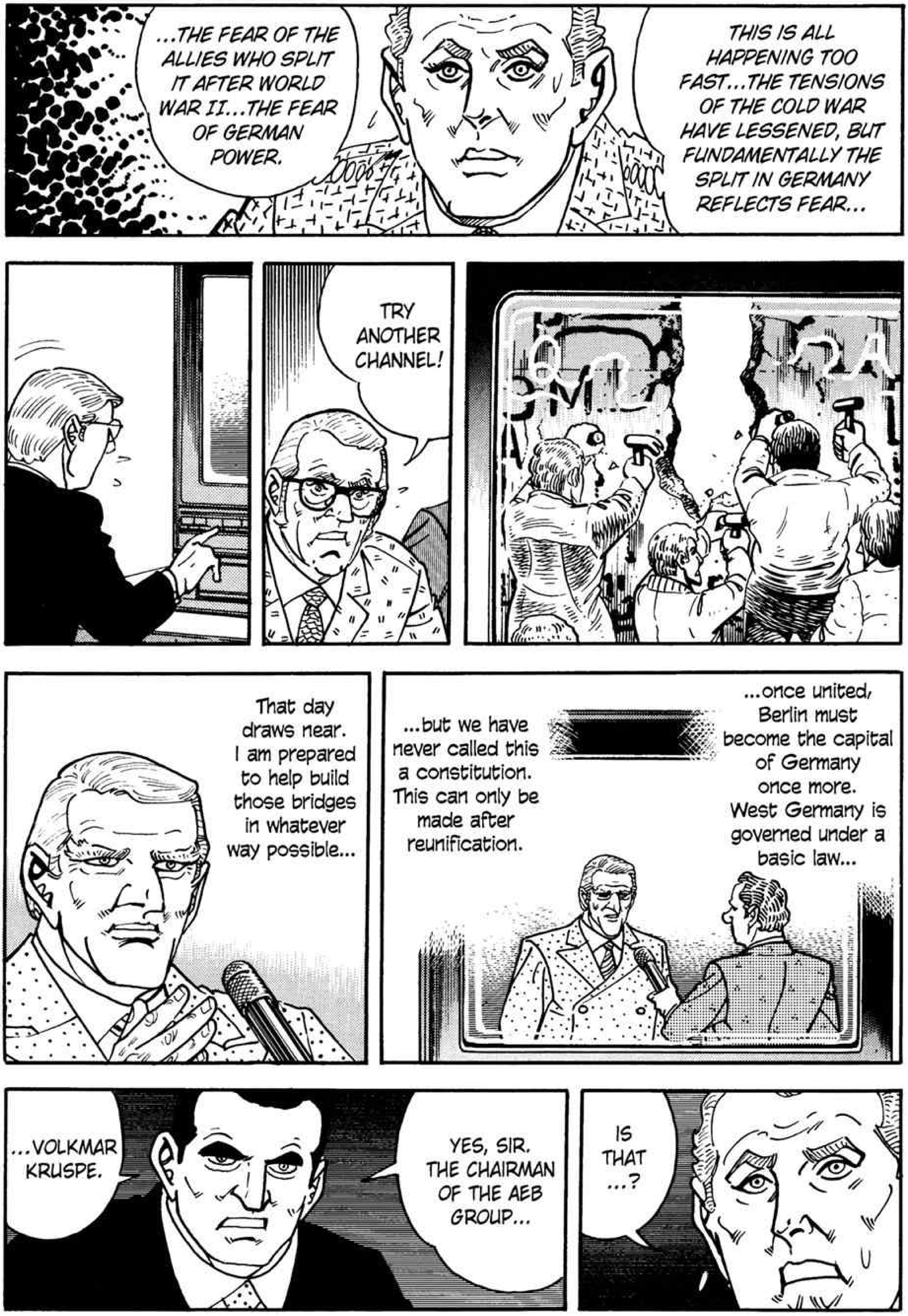
In 1989, the freedom movements which had swept China in tragedy and Europe in triumph reached East Berlin in the fall.

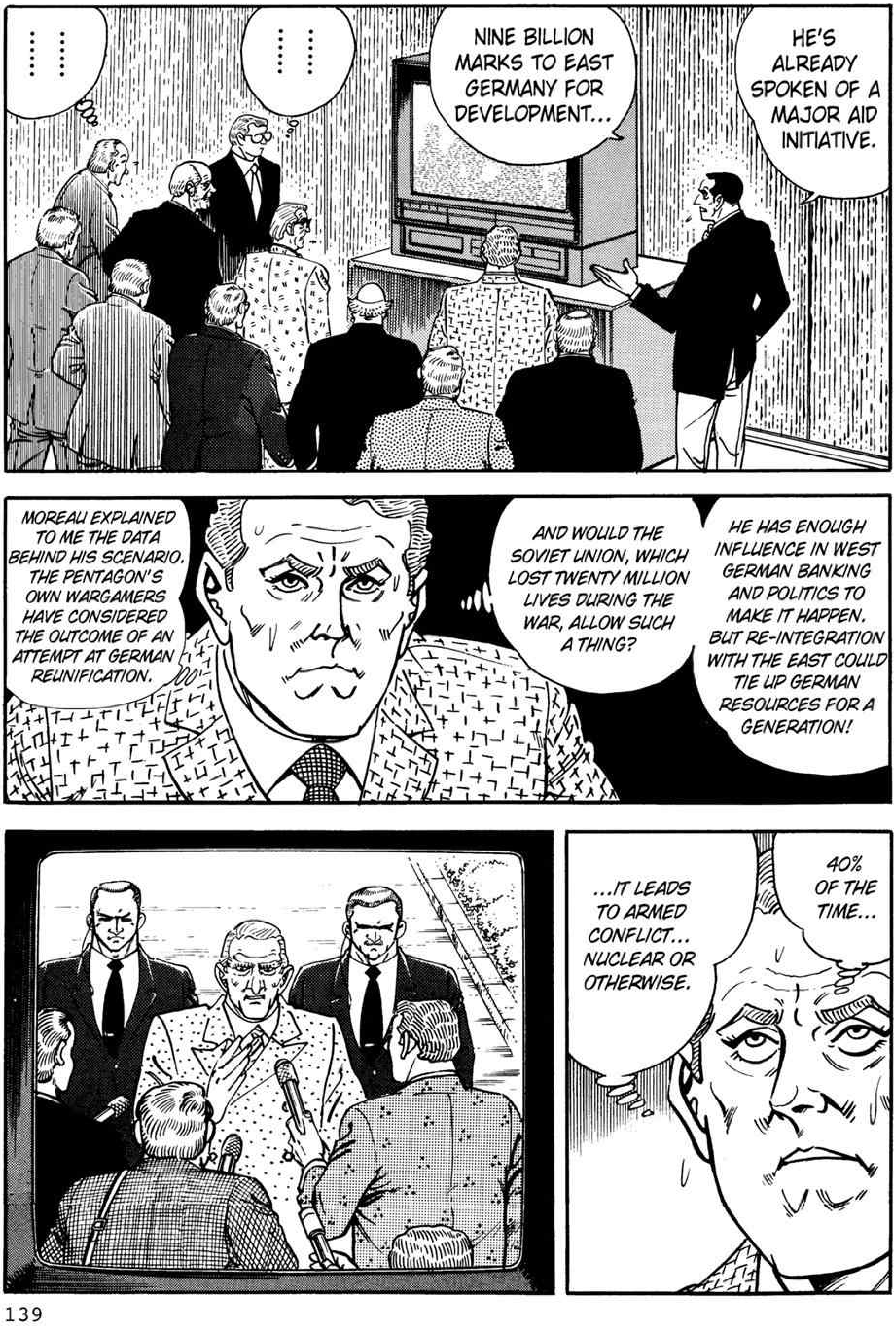


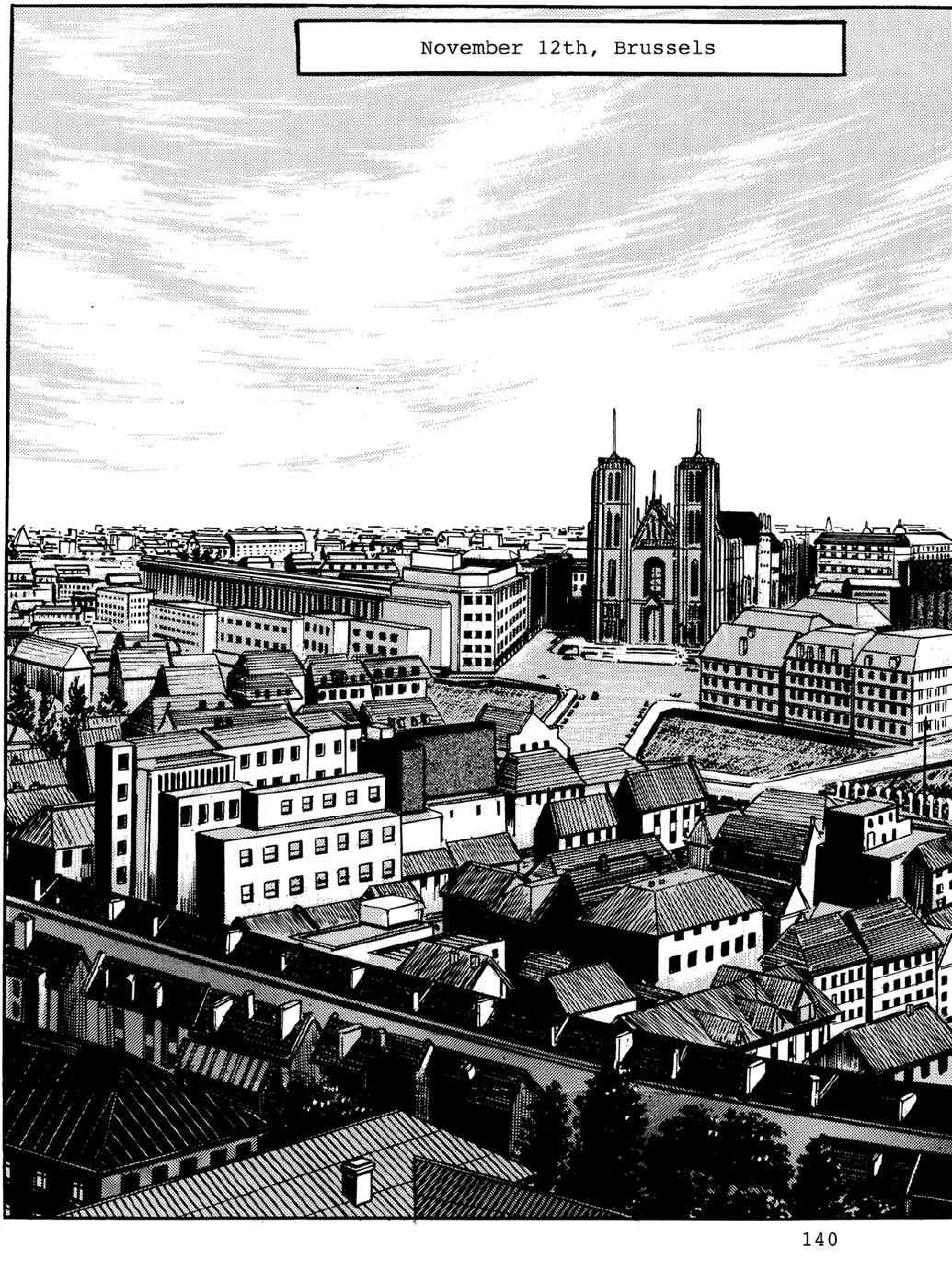
Erich Honecker, who had supervised the construction of the Wall, was forced to resign in October in the face of massive demonstrations.

On November 9, tens of thousands of East Berliners demanded to pass into West Berlin. The guards yielded. Soon the Wall itself was being torn down...


IT FELL...
IT FELL.


THIS IS ALL HAPPENING TOO FAST...THE TENSIONS OF THE COLD WAR HAVE LESSENED, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY THE SPLIT IN GERMANY REFLECTS FEAR...
...THE FEAR OF THE ALLIES WHO SPLIT IT AFTER WORLD WAR II...THE FEAR OF GERMAN POWER.
TRY ANOTHER CHANNEL!
...once united, Berlin must become the capital of Germany once more. West Germany is governed under a basic law...
...but we have never called this a constitution. This can only be made after reunification.
That day draws near. I am prepared to help build those bridges in whatever way possible...
IS THAT ...?
YES, SIR. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AEB GROUP...
...VOLKMAR KRUSPE.


HE'S ALREADY SPOKEN OF A MAJOR AID INITIATIVE.
NINE BILLION MARKS TO EAST GERMANY FOR DEVELOPMENT...
......
......
HE HAS ENOUGH INFLUENCE IN WEST GERMAN BANKING AND POLITICS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. BUT RE-INTEGRATION WITH THE EAST COULD TIE UP GERMAN RESOURCES FOR A GENERATION!
AND WOULD THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH LOST TWENTY MILLION LIVES DURING THE WAR, ALLOW SUCH A THING?
MOREAU EXPLAINED TO ME THE DATA BEHIND HIS SCENARIO. THE PENTAGON'S OWN WARGAMERS HAVE CONSIDERED THE OUTCOME OF AN ATTEMPT AT GERMAN REUNIFICATION.
40% OF THE TIME...
...IT LEADS TO ARMED CONFLICT... NUCLEAR OR OTHERWISE.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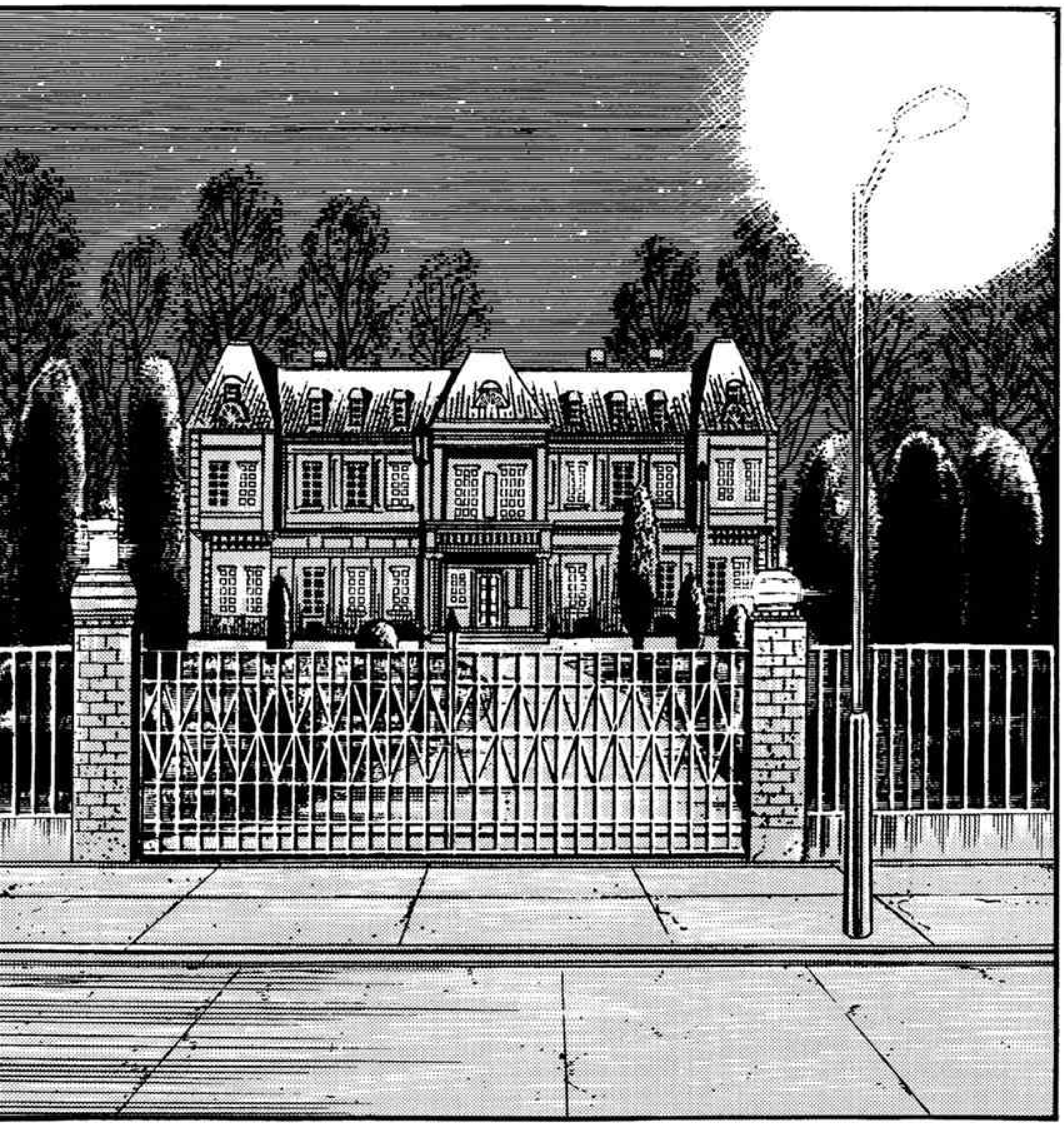

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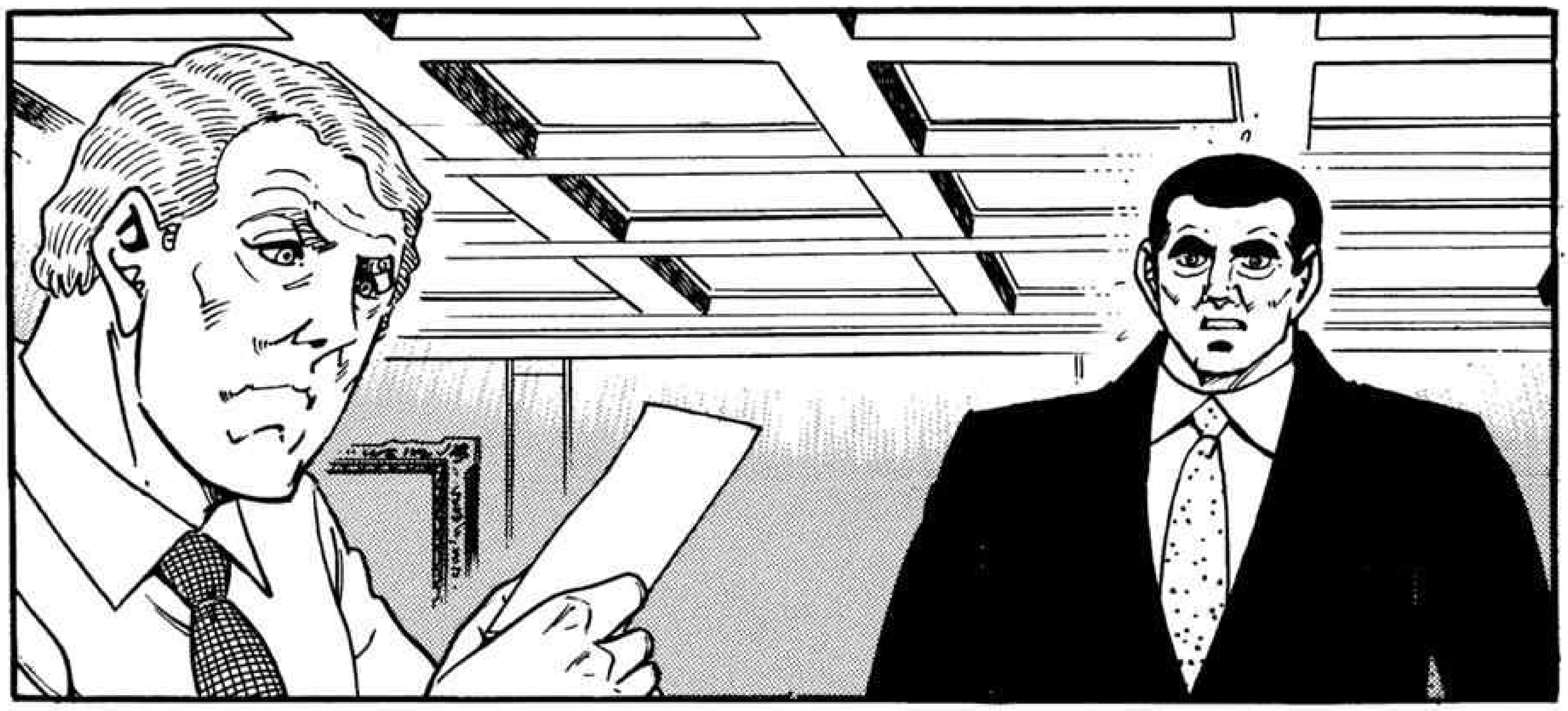
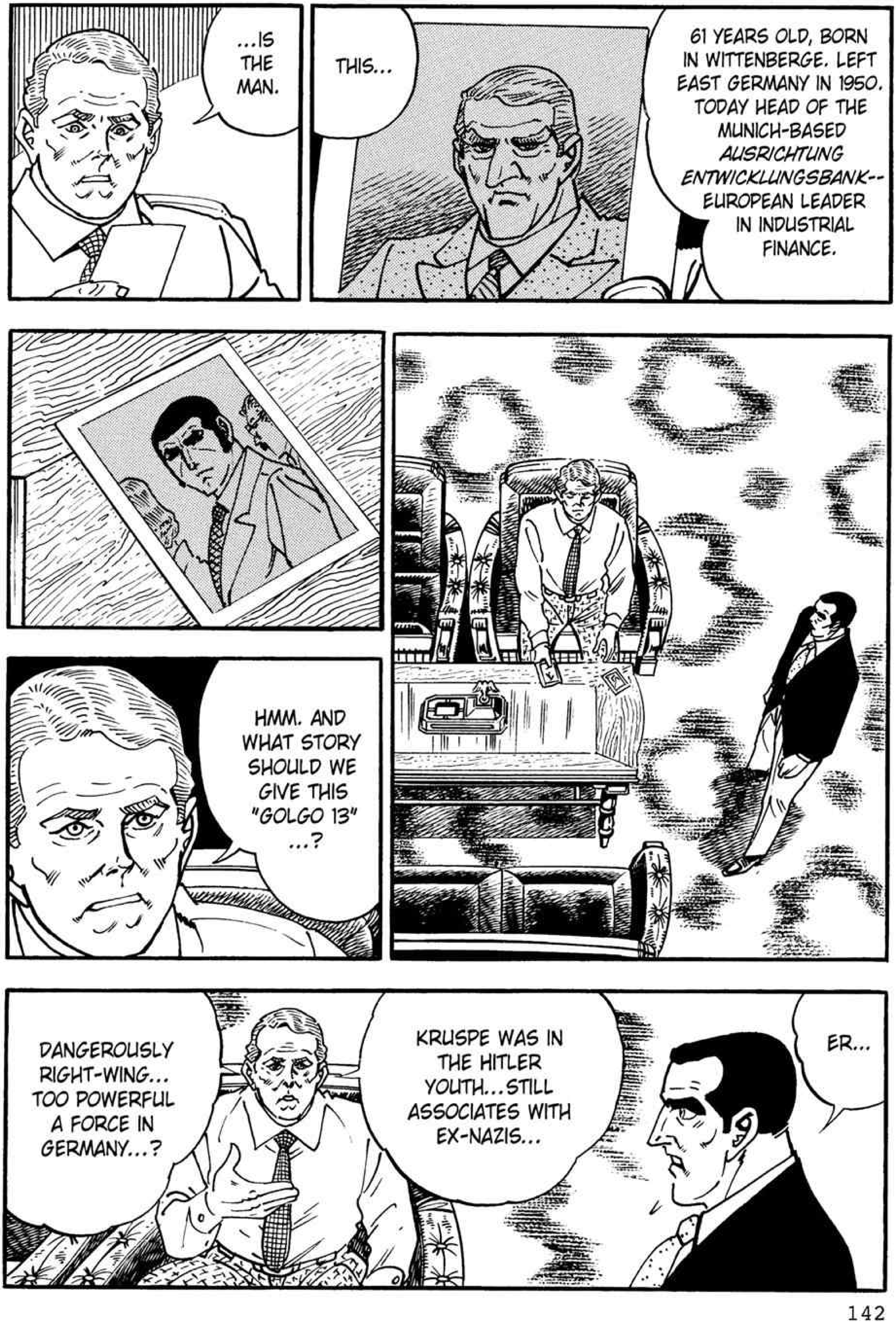
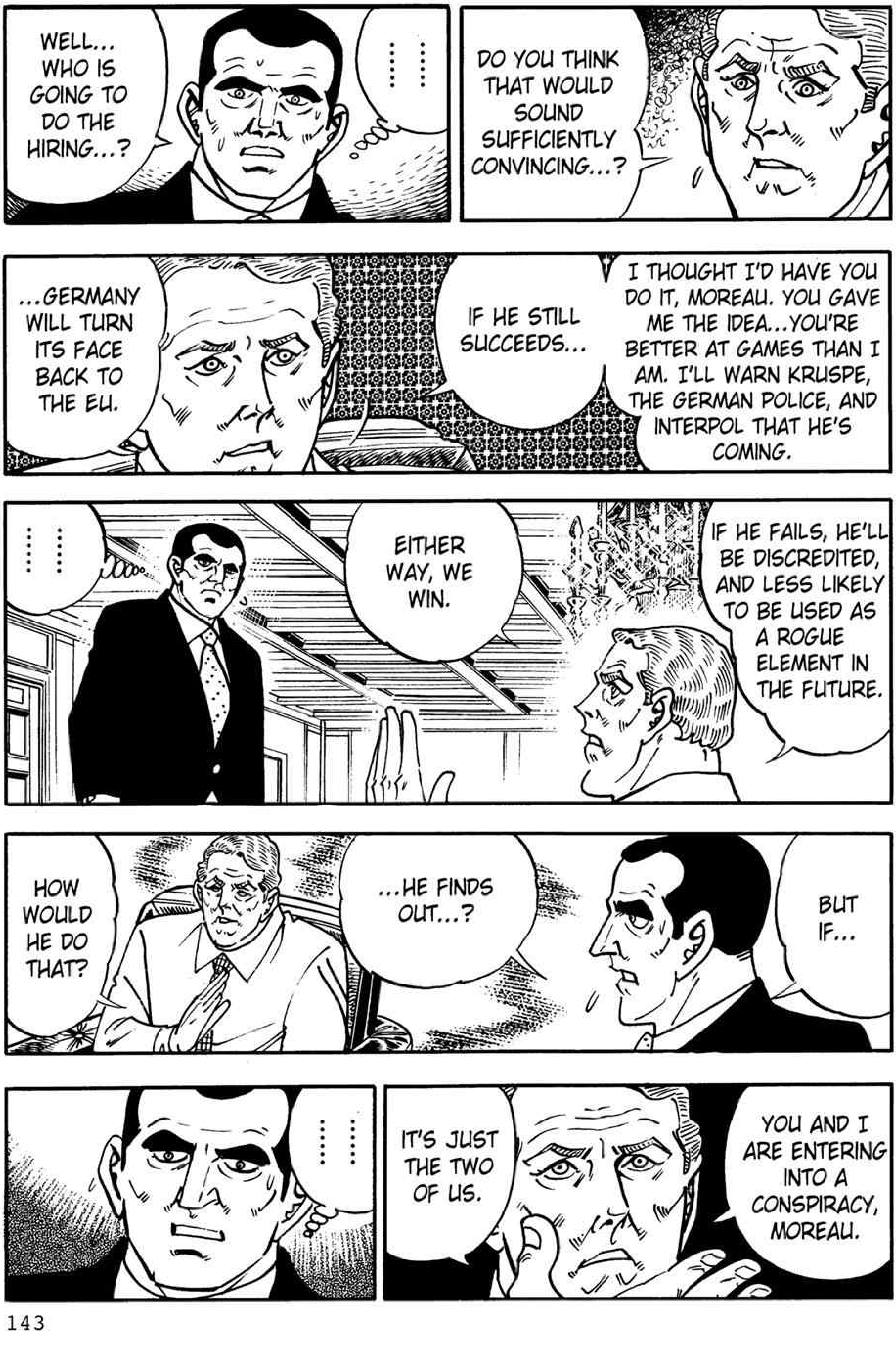
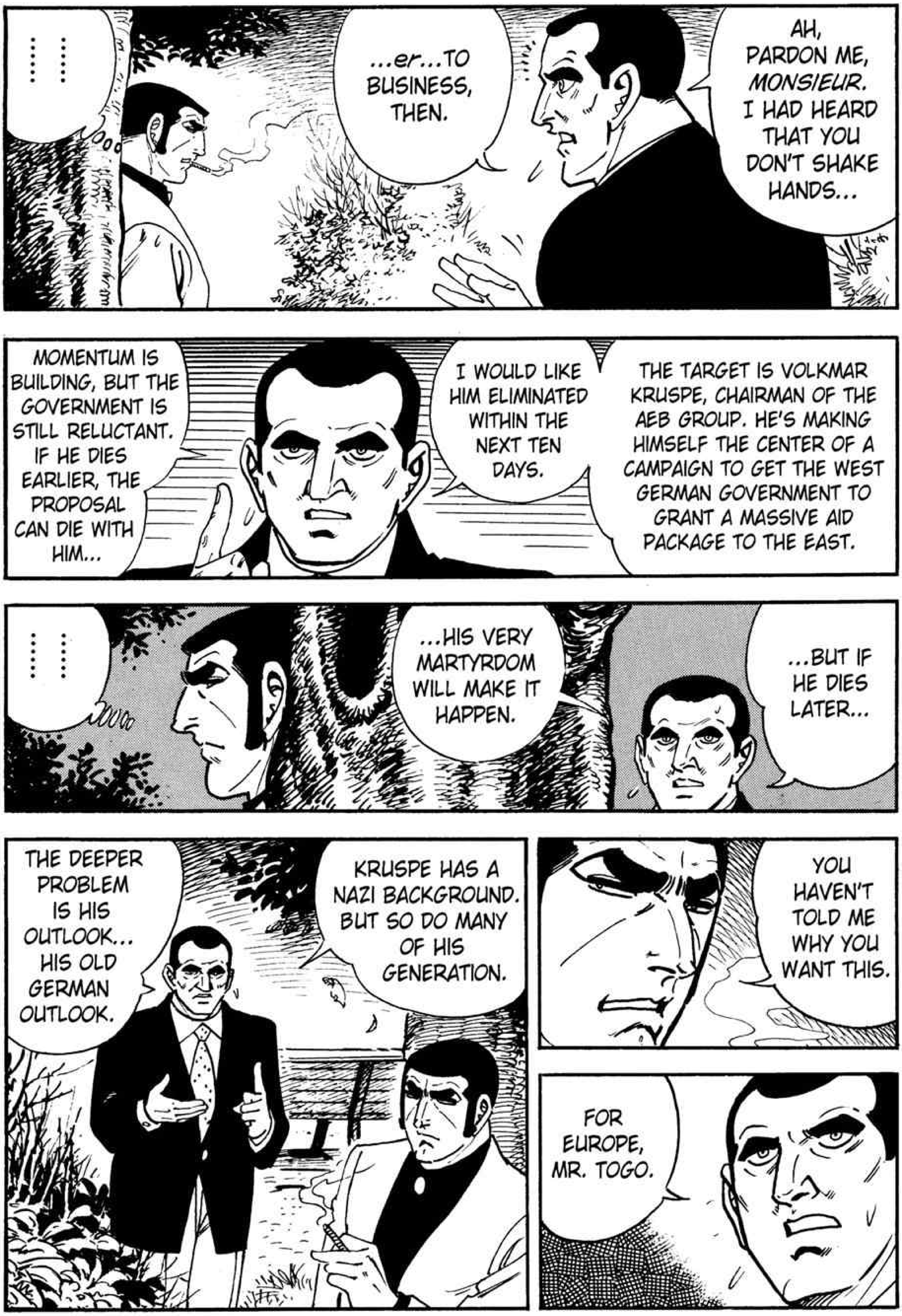



61 YEARS OLD, BORN IN WITTENBERGE. LEFT EAST GERMANY IN 1950. TODAY HEAD OF THE MUNICH-BASED *AUSRICHTUNG ENTWICKLUNGSBANK*--EUROPEAN LEADER IN INDUSTRIAL FINANCE.
THIS...
...IS THE MAN.
HMM. AND WHAT STORY SHOULD WE GIVE THIS "GOLGO 13" ...?
ER...
KRUSPE WAS IN THE HITLER YOUTH...STILL ASSOCIATES WITH EX-NAZIS...
DANGEROUSLY RIGHT-WING... TOO POWERFUL A FORCE IN GERMANY...?


DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD SOUND SUFFICIENTLY CONVINCING...?
......
WELL... WHO IS GOING TO DO THE HIRING...?
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE YOU DO IT, MOREAU. YOU GAVE ME THE IDEA...YOU'RE BETTER AT GAMES THAN I AM. I'LL WARN KRUSPE, THE GERMAN POLICE, AND INTERPOL THAT HE'S COMING.
IF HE STILL SUCCEEDS...
...GERMANY WILL TURN ITS FACE BACK TO THE EU.
IF HE FAILS, HE'LL BE DISCREDITED, AND LESS LIKELY TO BE USED AS A ROGUE ELEMENT IN THE FUTURE.
EITHER WAY, WE WIN.
......
BUT IF...
...HE FINDS OUT...?
HOW WOULD HE DO THAT?
YOU AND I ARE ENTERING INTO A CONSPIRACY, MOREAU.
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
......

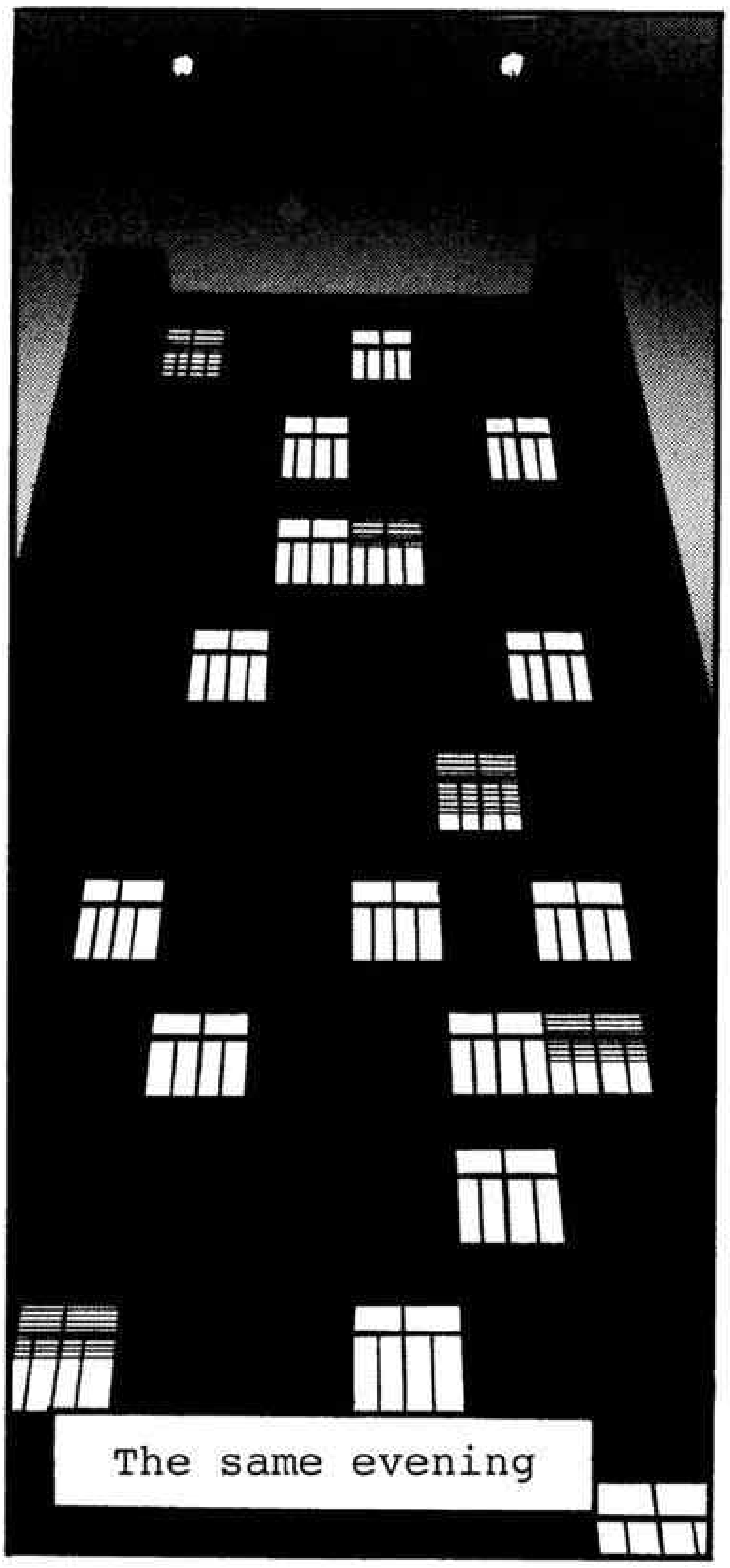
...ALL RIGHT, SIR.
PLEASE GET THE MONEY READY.
BY THIS EVENING.

......
THANK YOU FOR COMING. I AM PHILIPPE MOREAU...
!!
.....
LET'S HEAR THE DEAL...
MR... DUKE TOGO?


AH, PARDON ME, *MONSIEUR.* I HAD HEARD THAT YOU DON'T SHAKE HANDS...
...*er*...TO BUSINESS, THEN.
......
THE TARGET IS VOLKMAR KRUSPE, CHAIRMAN OF THE AEB GROUP. HE'S MAKING HIMSELF THE CENTER OF A CAMPAIGN TO GET THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A MASSIVE AID PACKAGE TO THE EAST.
I WOULD LIKE HIM ELIMINATED WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.
MOMENTUM IS BUILDING, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL RELUCTANT. IF HE DIES EARLIER, THE PROPOSAL CAN DIE WITH HIM...
...BUT IF HE DIES LATER...
...HIS VERY MARTYRDOM WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.
......
KRUSPE HAS A NAZI BACKGROUND. BUT SO DO MANY OF HIS GENERATION.
THE DEEPER PROBLEM IS HIS OUTLOOK... HIS OLD GERMAN OUTLOOK.
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHY YOU WANT THIS.
FOR EUROPE, MR. TOGO.

FOR CENTURIES, GERMANY HAS SOUGHT ITS DESTINY IN THE EAST…AWAY FROM ITS COMMON HERITAGE WITH WESTERN EUROPE. THAT GERMANY SHOULD LOOK WEST AGAIN, AND IN PEACE…
…THAT IDEA IS THE CORE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION… EUROPE'S LAST CHANCE.
WE HAVE HAD TWO DEVASTATING WARS THIS CENTURY. IF WE ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN A THIRD TIME, THERE WILL BE NO EUROPE AFTERWARDS…AND IT WILL BE NO LESS THAN WE DESERVE.
WE'RE OFFERING A FEE OF 300,000 MARKS.
……
ALL RIGHT. I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.

PART 8 GUARDS AND WARDS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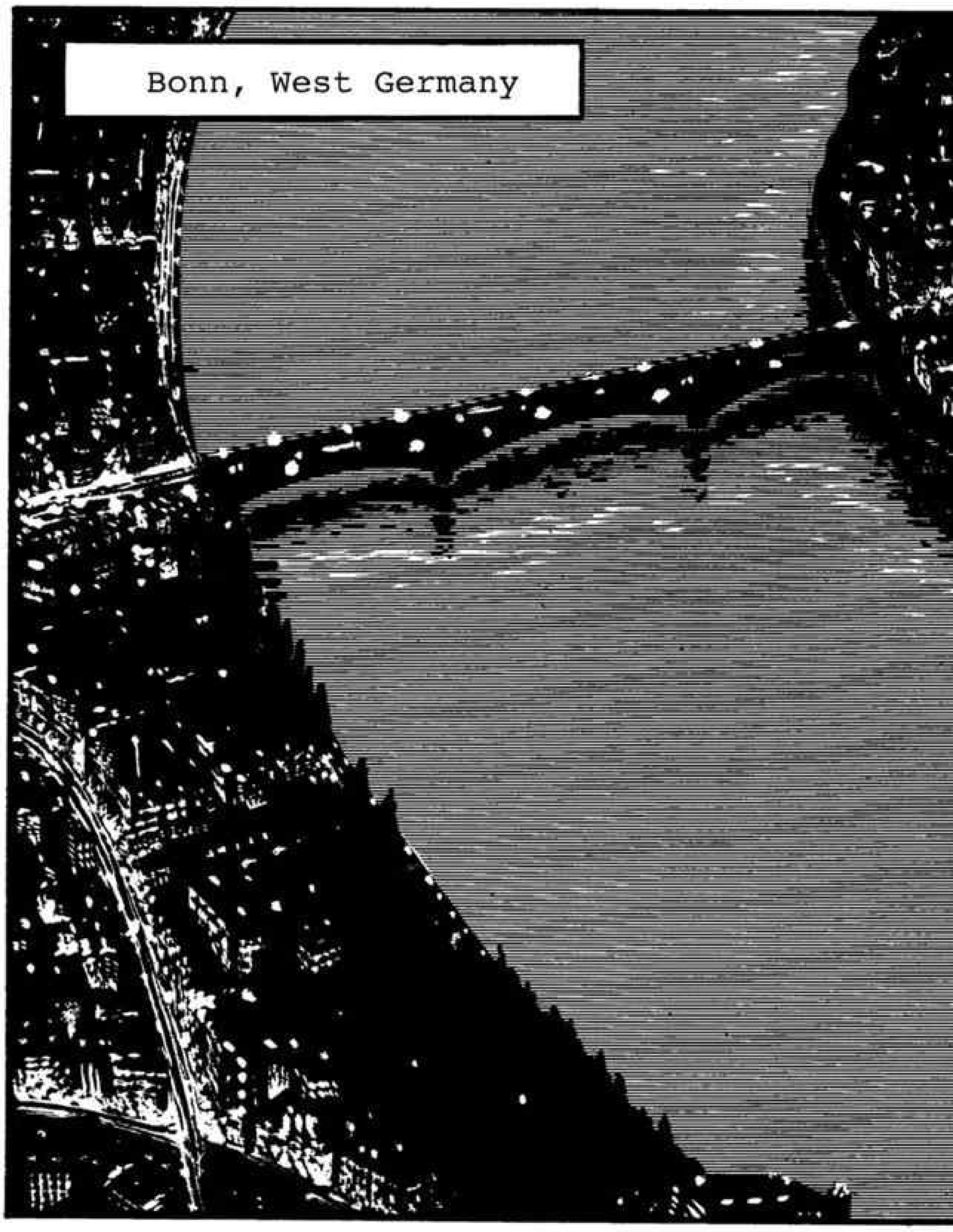
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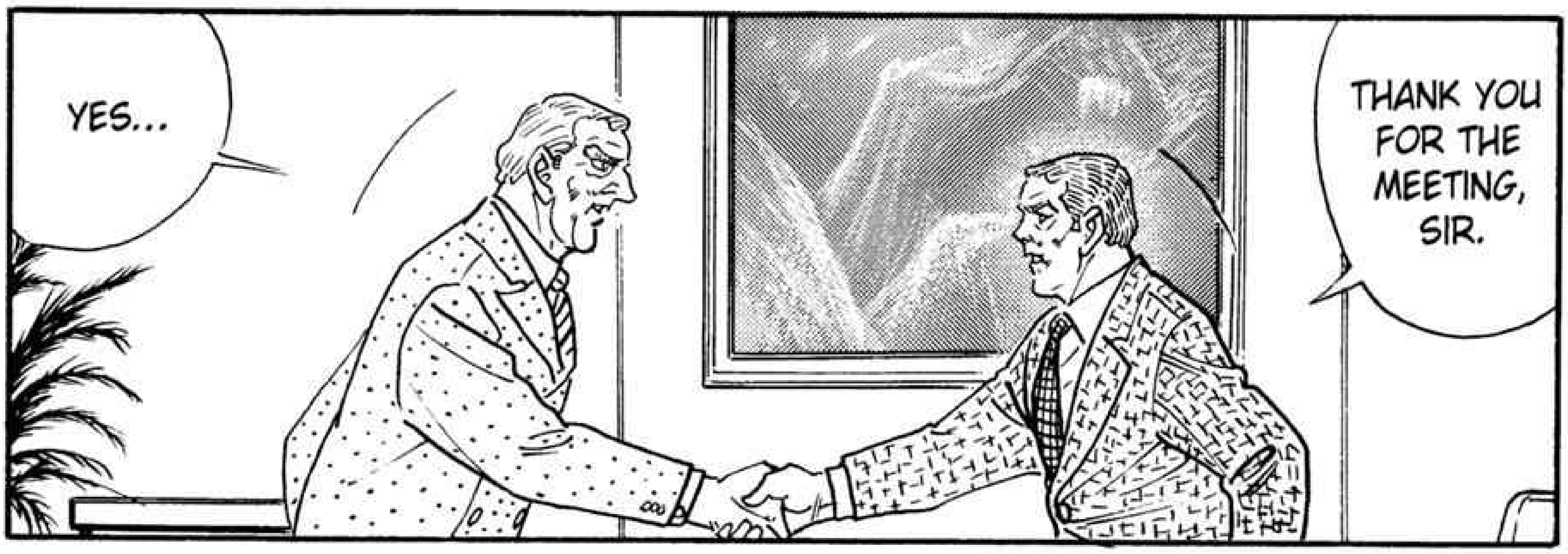
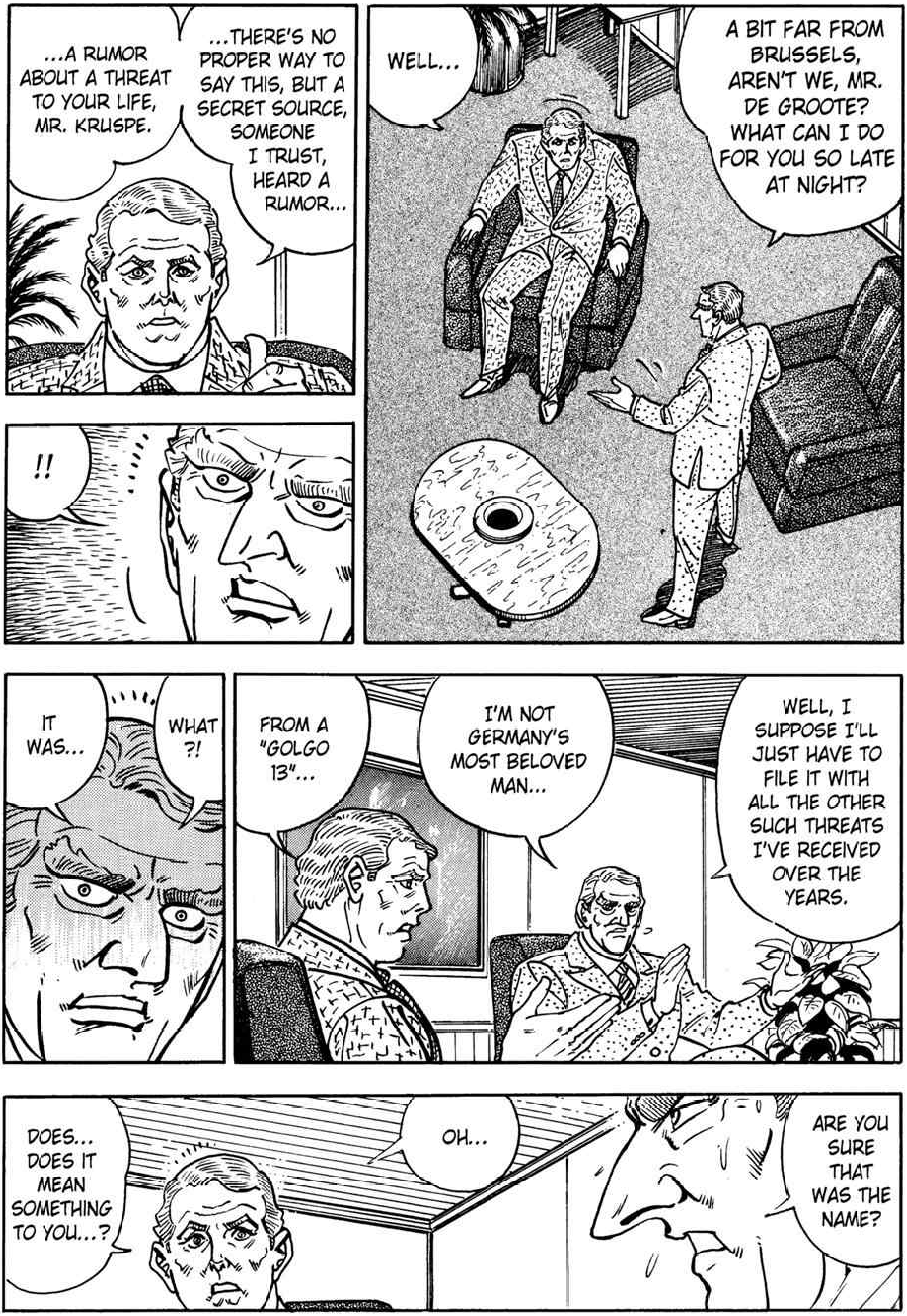
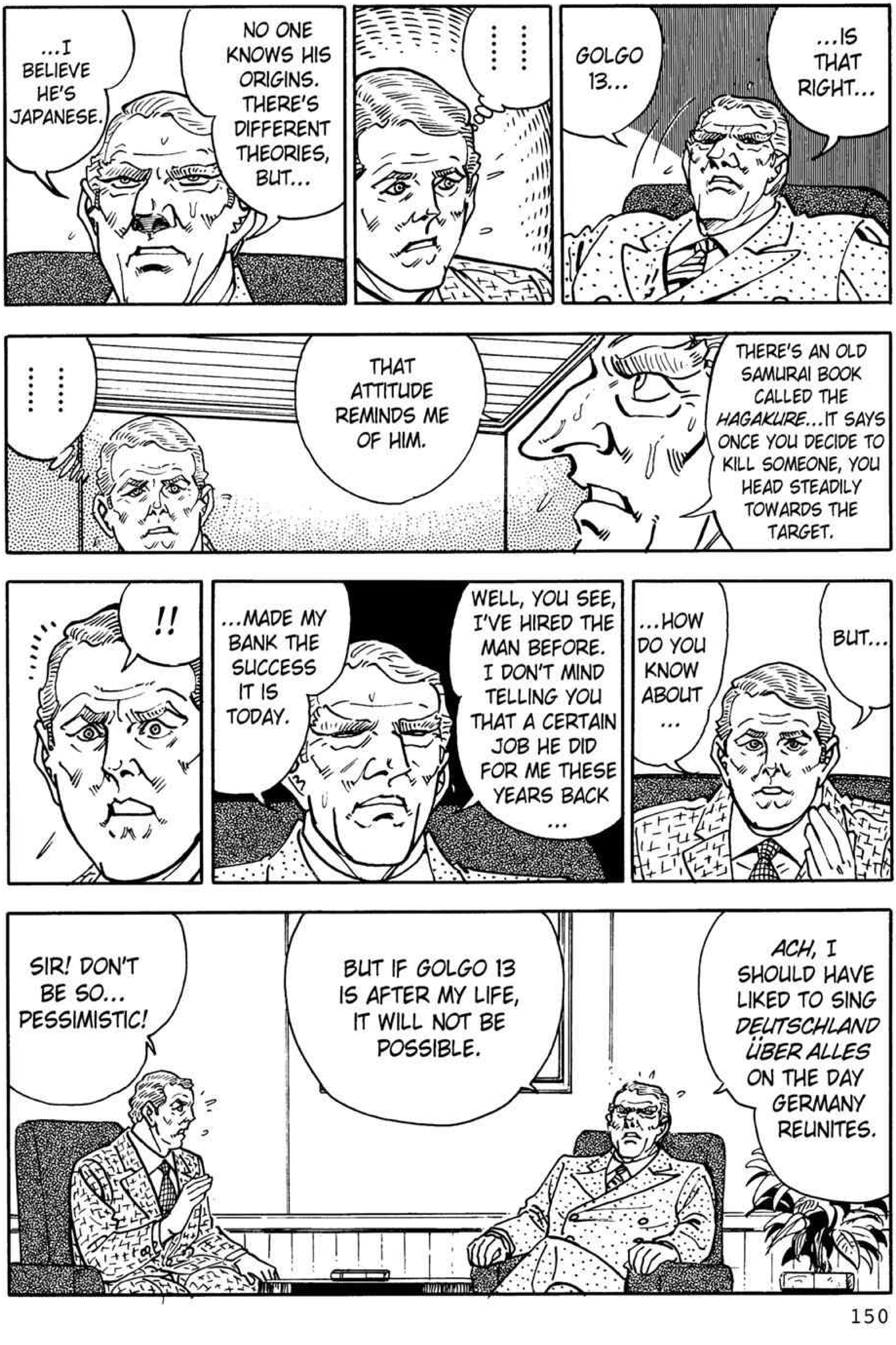
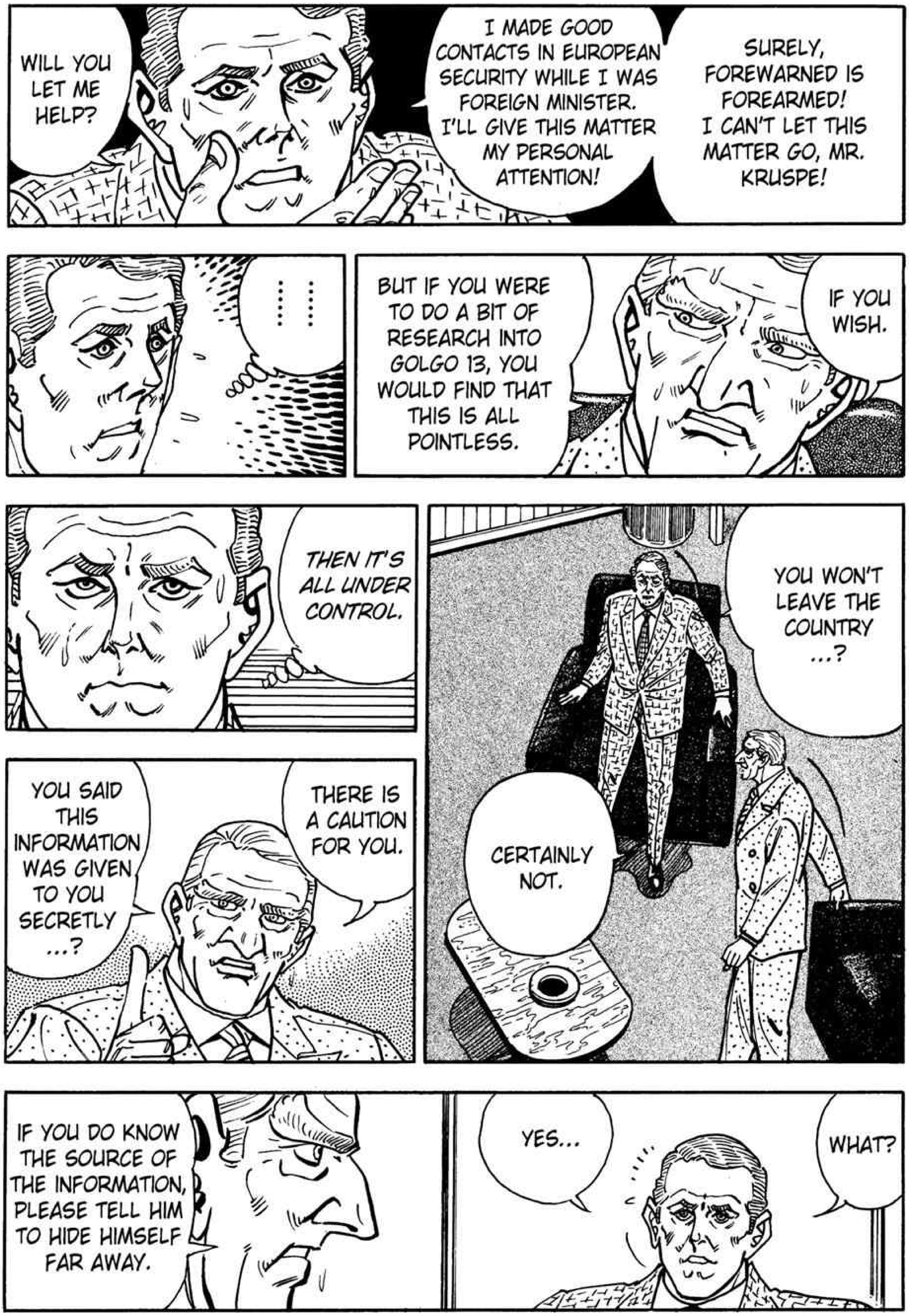
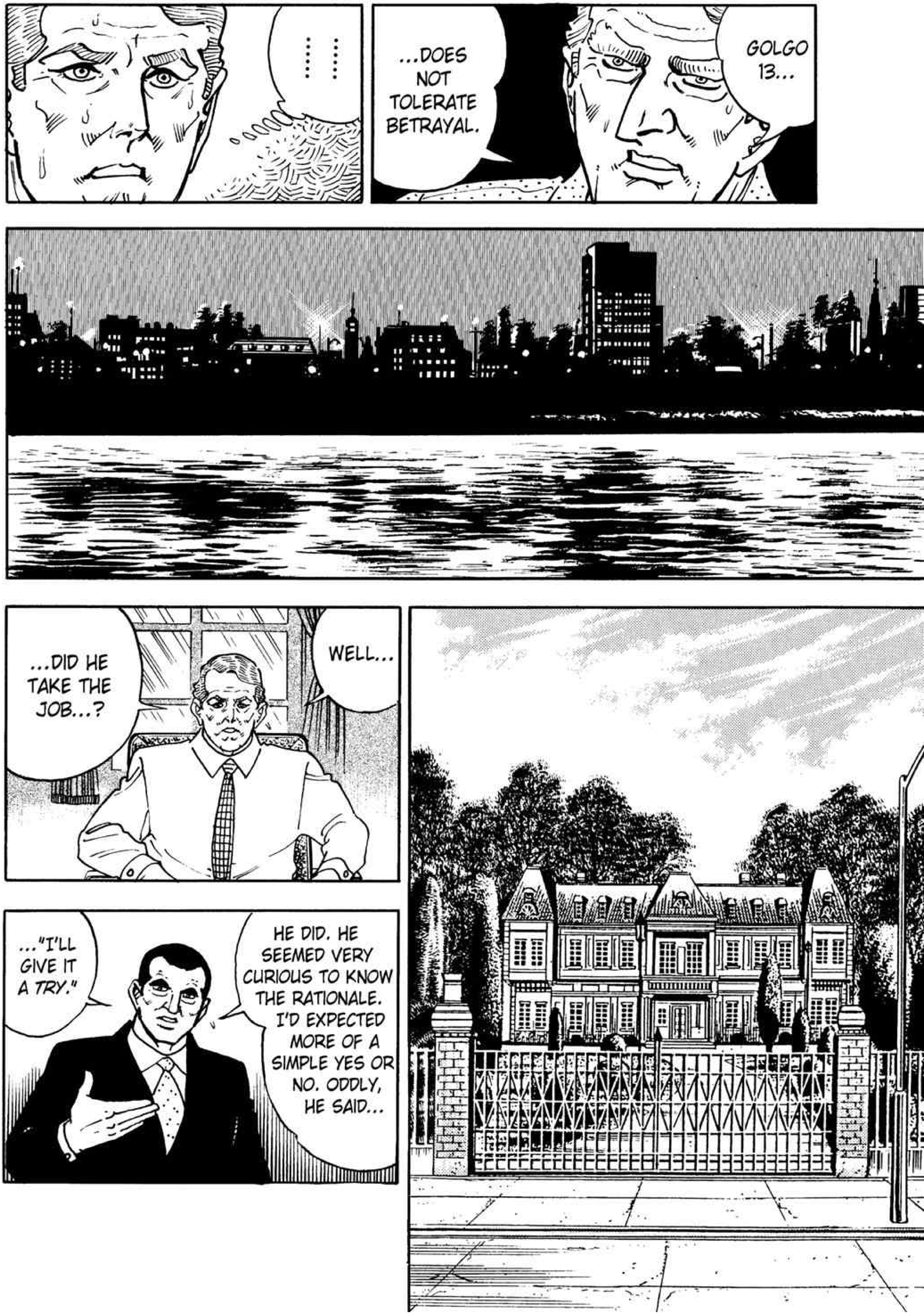

YES...
THANK YOU FOR THE MEETING, SIR.


A BIT FAR FROM BRUSSELS, AREN'T WE, MR. DE GROOTE? WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU SO LATE AT NIGHT?
WELL...
...THERE'S NO PROPER WAY TO SAY THIS, BUT A SECRET SOURCE, SOMEONE I TRUST, HEARD A RUMOR...
...A RUMOR ABOUT A THREAT TO YOUR LIFE, MR. KRUSPE.
!!
WELL, I SUPPOSE I'LL JUST HAVE TO FILE IT WITH ALL THE OTHER SUCH THREATS I'VE RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS.
I'M NOT GERMANY'S MOST BELOVED MAN...
FROM A "GOLGO 13"...
WHAT?!
IT WAS...
ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS THE NAME?
OH...
DOES... DOES IT MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU...?

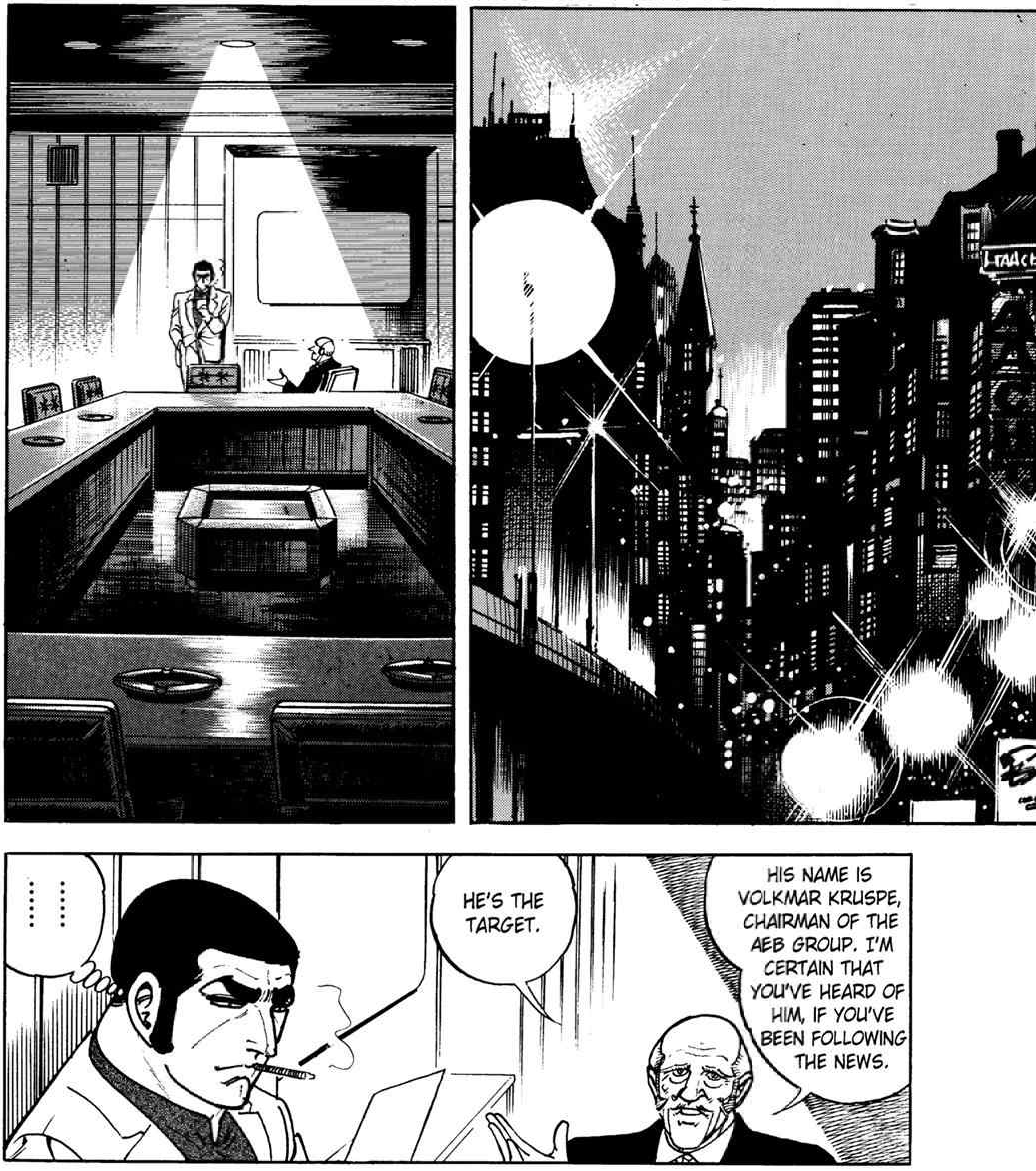

...IS THAT RIGHT...
GOLGO 13...
......
NO ONE KNOWS HIS ORIGINS. THERE'S DIFFERENT THEORIES, BUT...
...I BELIEVE HE'S JAPANESE.
THERE'S AN OLD SAMURAI BOOK CALLED THE *HAGAKURE*...IT SAYS ONCE YOU DECIDE TO KILL SOMEONE, YOU HEAD STEADILY TOWARDS THE TARGET.
THAT ATTITUDE REMINDS ME OF HIM.
......
BUT...
...HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ...
WELL, YOU SEE, I'VE HIRED THE MAN BEFORE. I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU THAT A CERTAIN JOB HE DID FOR ME THESE YEARS BACK ...
...MADE MY BANK THE SUCCESS IT IS TODAY.
!!
ACH, I SHOULD HAVE LIKED TO SING *DEUTSCHLAND ÜBER ALLES* ON THE DAY GERMANY REUNITES.
BUT IF GOLGO 13 IS AFTER MY LIFE, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.
SIR! DON'T BE SO... PESSIMISTIC!


SURELY, FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED! I CAN'T LET THIS MATTER GO, MR. KRUSPE!
I MADE GOOD CONTACTS IN EUROPEAN SECURITY WHILE I WAS FOREIGN MINISTER. I'LL GIVE THIS MATTER MY PERSONAL ATTENTION!
WILL YOU LET ME HELP?
IF YOU WISH.
BUT IF YOU WERE TO DO A BIT OF RESEARCH INTO GOLGO 13, YOU WOULD FIND THAT THIS IS ALL POINTLESS.
……
YOU WON'T LEAVE THE COUNTRY ...?
CERTAINLY NOT.
THEN IT'S ALL UNDER CONTROL.
THERE IS A CAUTION FOR YOU.
YOU SAID THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO YOU SECRETLY ...?
WHAT?
YES...
IF YOU DO KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION, PLEASE TELL HIM TO HIDE HIMSELF FAR AWAY.


GOLGO 13...
...DOES NOT TOLERATE BETRAYAL.
......
WELL...
...DID HE TAKE THE JOB...?
HE DID. HE SEEMED VERY CURIOUS TO KNOW THE RATIONALE. I'D EXPECTED MORE OF A SIMPLE YES OR NO. ODDLY, HE SAID...
..."I'LL GIVE IT A *TRY*."

NOTHING ELSE, KRUSPE THINKS.
HE'S CONVINCED THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO. A MAN LIKE THAT, JUST GIVING UP...
......
WHAT !?
KRUSPE STRAIGHT-OUT ADMITTED TO ME HE'D HIRED GOLGO IN THE PAST HIMSELF. TOLD ME SOME NONSENSE ABOUT SAMURAI...
WHAT ELSE?
WE HAVE NEW VICTORY CONDITIONS, MOREAU. THE POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIM, THE BORDER PATROL LIKEWISE. IF HE CAN'T CARRY OUT THE KILL BY THE 22ND, HE FAILS, TOO. WHY, HE MAY EVEN BE CAUGHT...
...OR KILLED.
BONUS POINTS, EH?

PART 9 MIRROR IMAGE


HIS NAME IS VOLKMAR KRUSPE, CHAIRMAN OF THE AEB GROUP. I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM, IF YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS.
HE'S THE TARGET.
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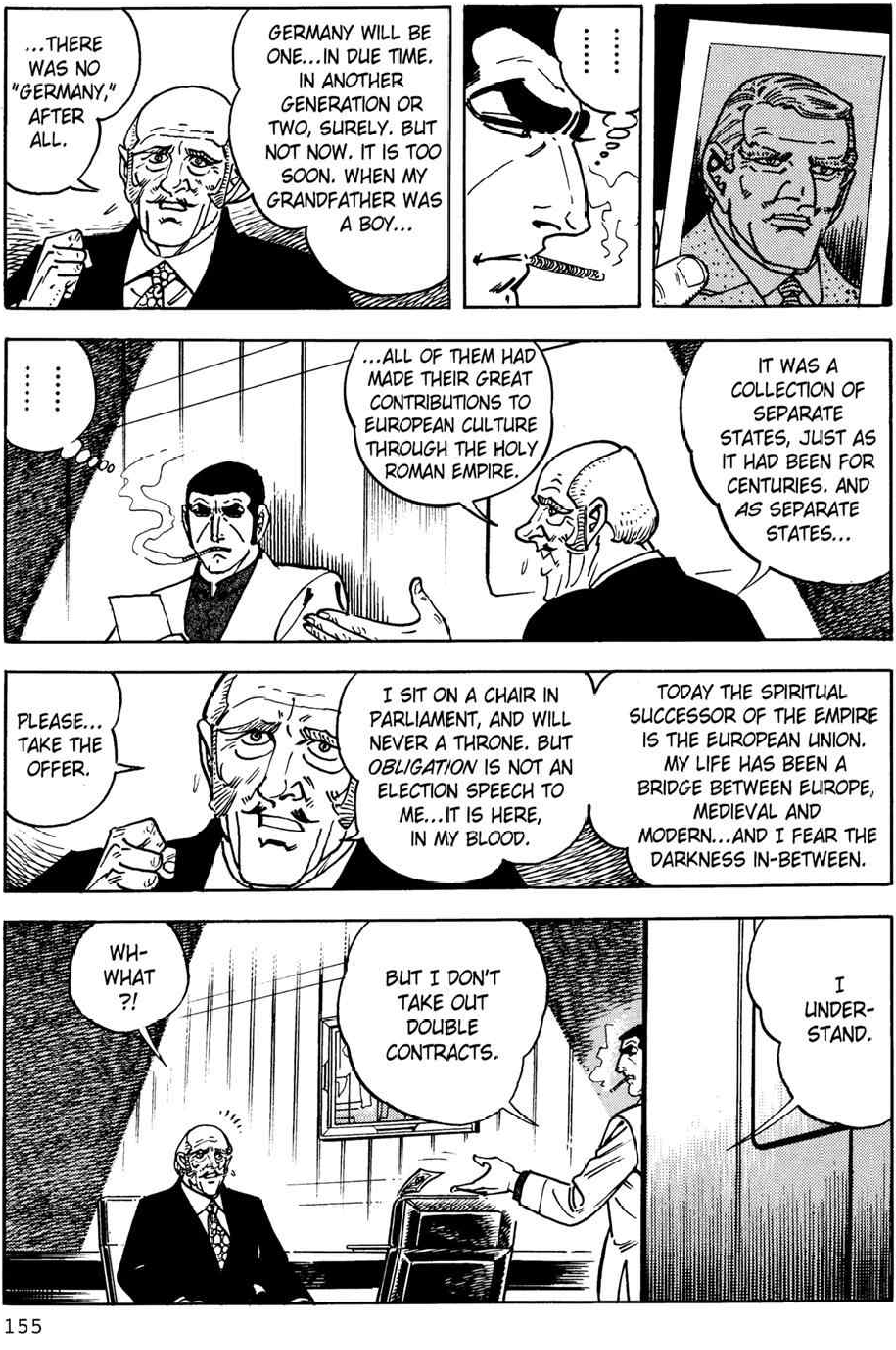
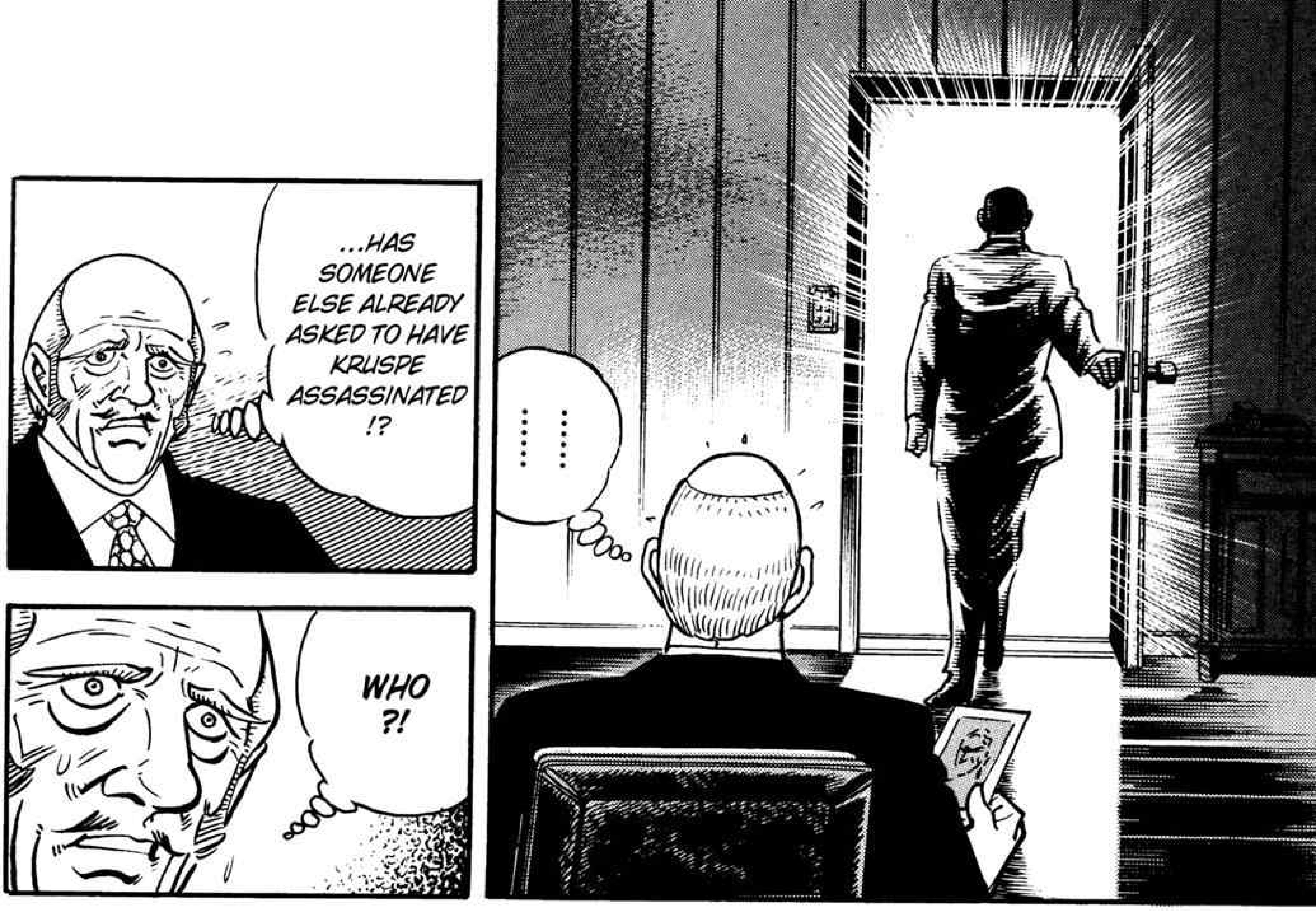

......
GERMANY WILL BE ONE...IN DUE TIME. IN ANOTHER GENERATION OR TWO, SURELY. BUT NOT NOW. IT IS TOO SOON. WHEN MY GRANDFATHER WAS A BOY...
...THERE WAS NO "GERMANY," AFTER ALL.
IT WAS A COLLECTION OF SEPARATE STATES, JUST AS IT HAD BEEN FOR CENTURIES. AND *AS* SEPARATE STATES...
...ALL OF THEM HAD MADE THEIR GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO EUROPEAN CULTURE THROUGH THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.
......
TODAY THE SPIRITUAL SUCCESSOR OF THE EMPIRE IS THE EUROPEAN UNION. MY LIFE HAS BEEN A BRIDGE BETWEEN EUROPE, MEDIEVAL AND MODERN...AND I FEAR THE DARKNESS IN-BETWEEN.
I SIT ON A CHAIR IN PARLIAMENT, AND WILL NEVER A THRONE. BUT *OBLIGATION* IS NOT AN ELECTION SPEECH TO ME...IT IS HERE, IN MY BLOOD.
PLEASE... TAKE THE OFFER.
I UNDERSTAND.
BUT I DON'T TAKE OUT DOUBLE CONTRACTS.
WH-WHAT?!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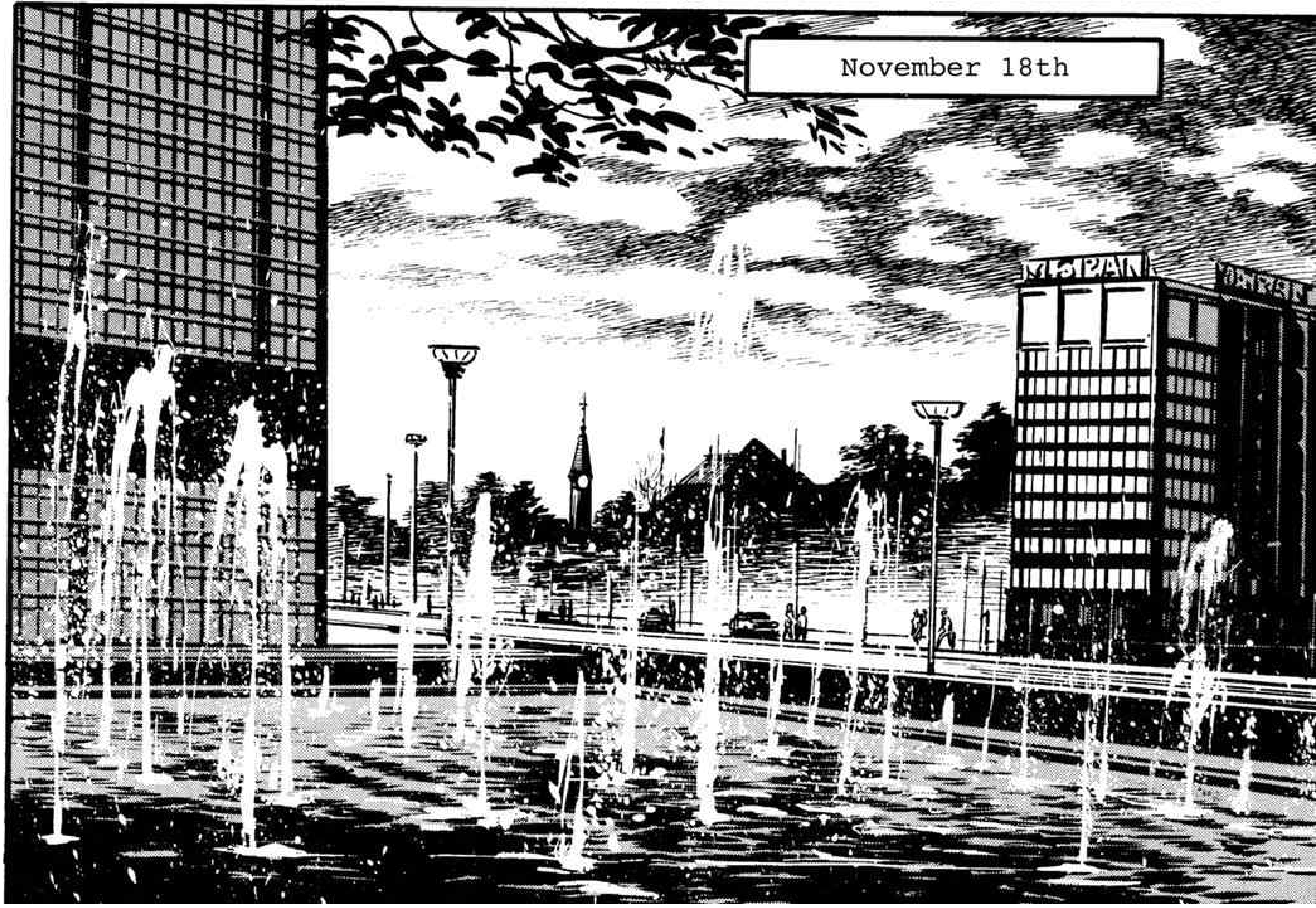
...HAS SOMEONE ELSE ALREADY ASKED TO HAVE KRUSPE ASSASSINATED !?
WHO ?!

PART 10 INVISIBLE STALKER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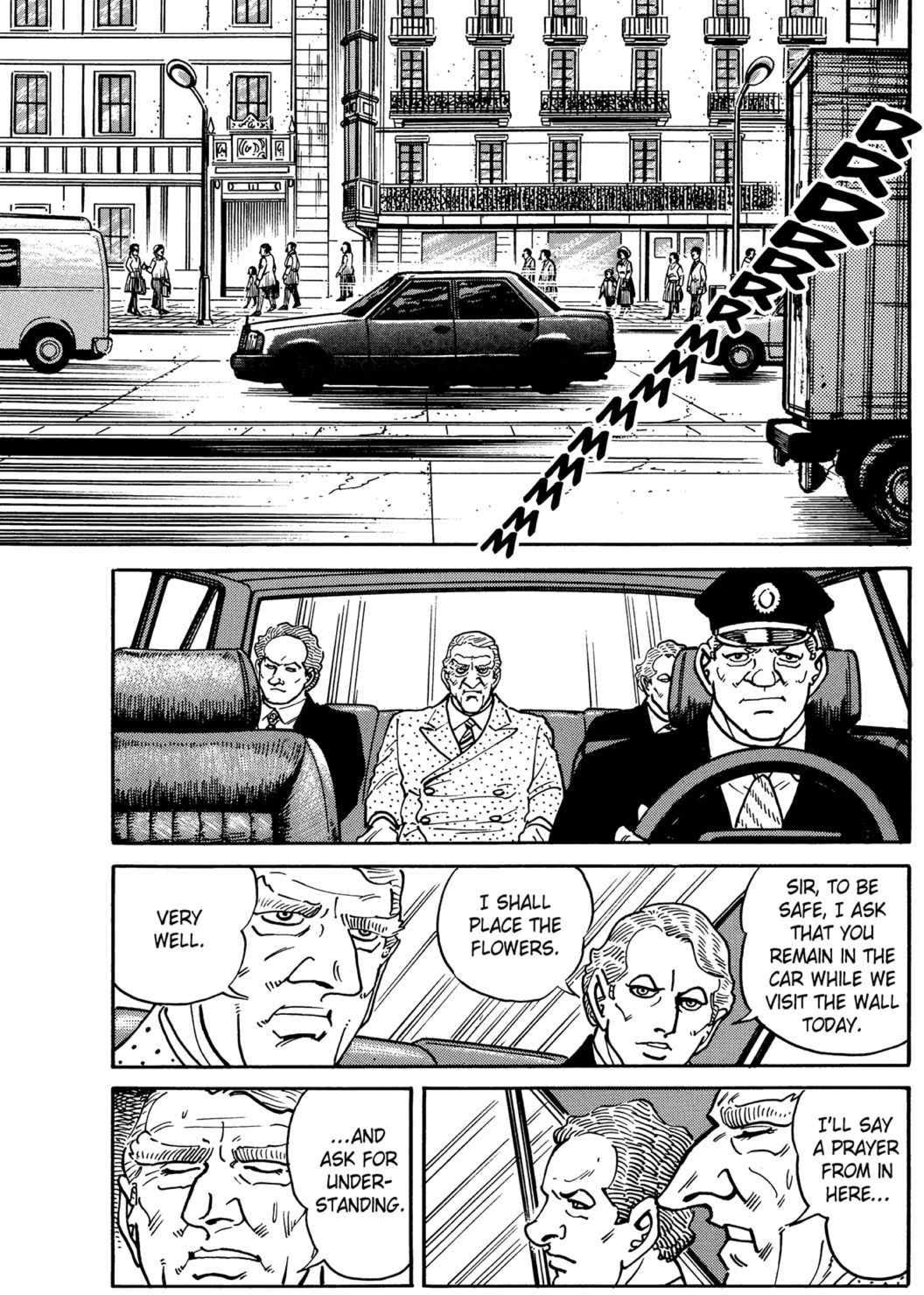
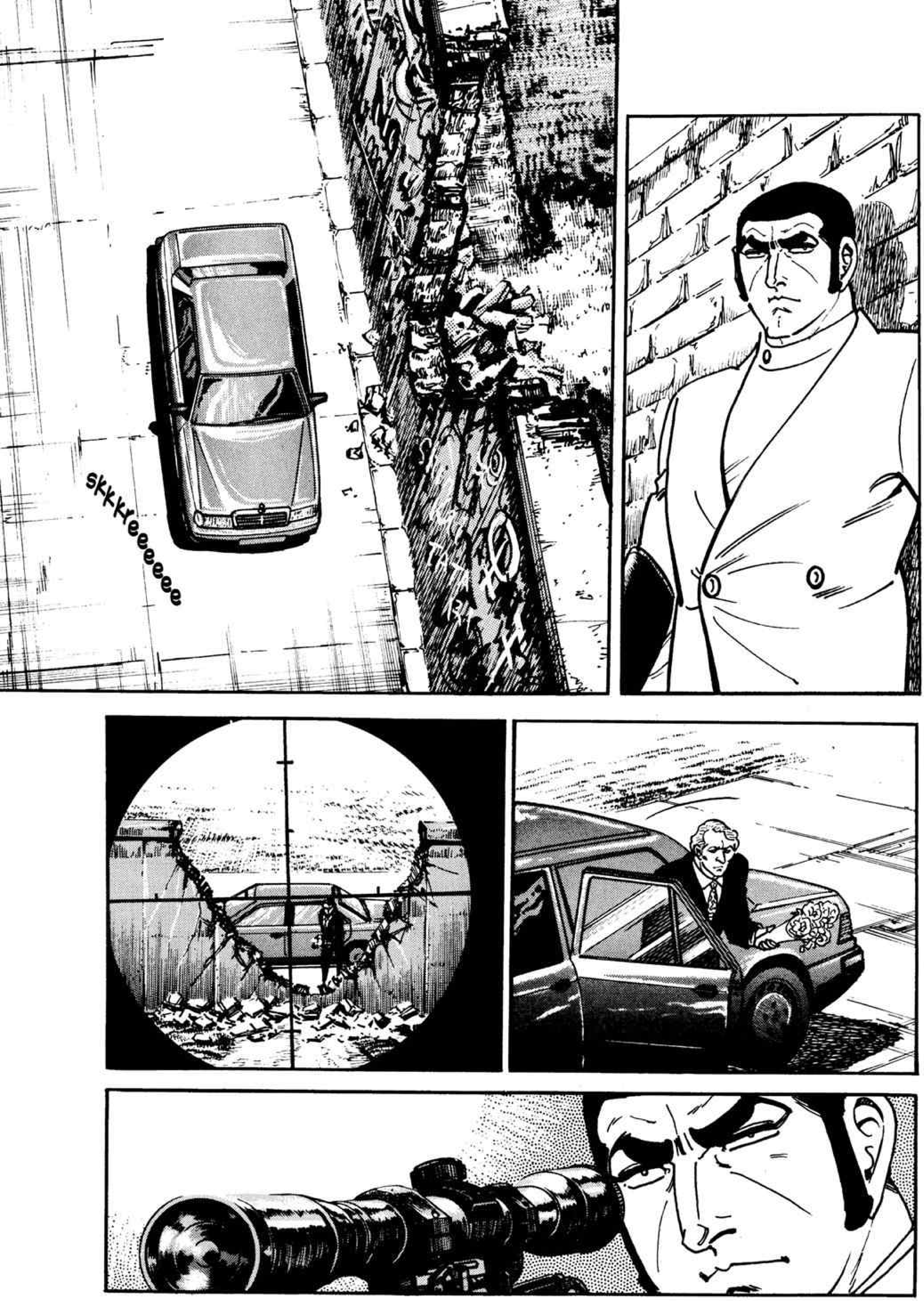

RRRRRRR
SIR, TO BE SAFE, I ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN THE CAR WHILE WE VISIT THE WALL TODAY.
I SHALL PLACE THE FLOWERS.
VERY WELL.
I'LL SAY A PRAYER FROM IN HERE...
...AND ASK FOR UNDER-STANDING.

RRRRRRMMMMMMM
...AFTER ALL... MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE CROSSING.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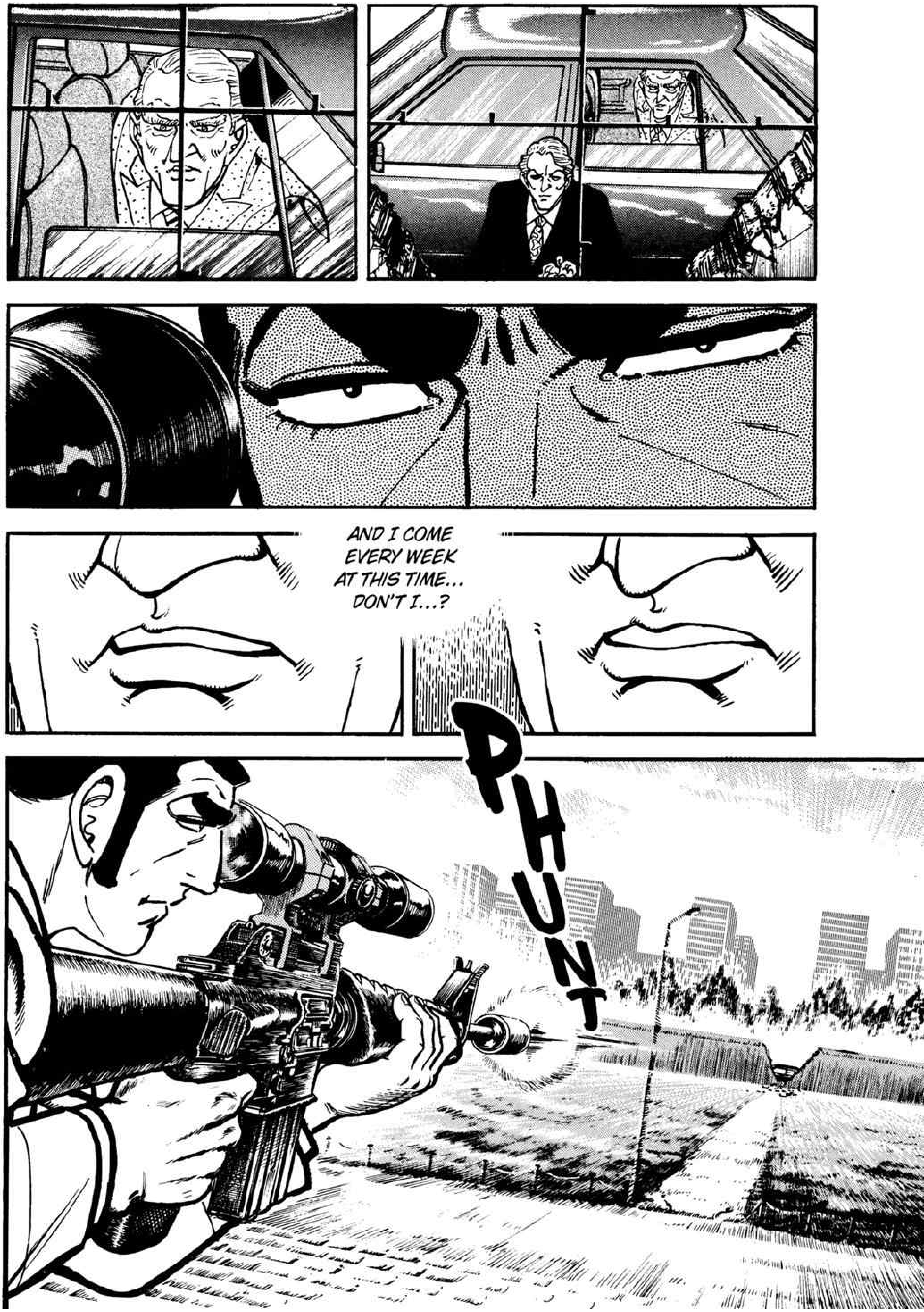
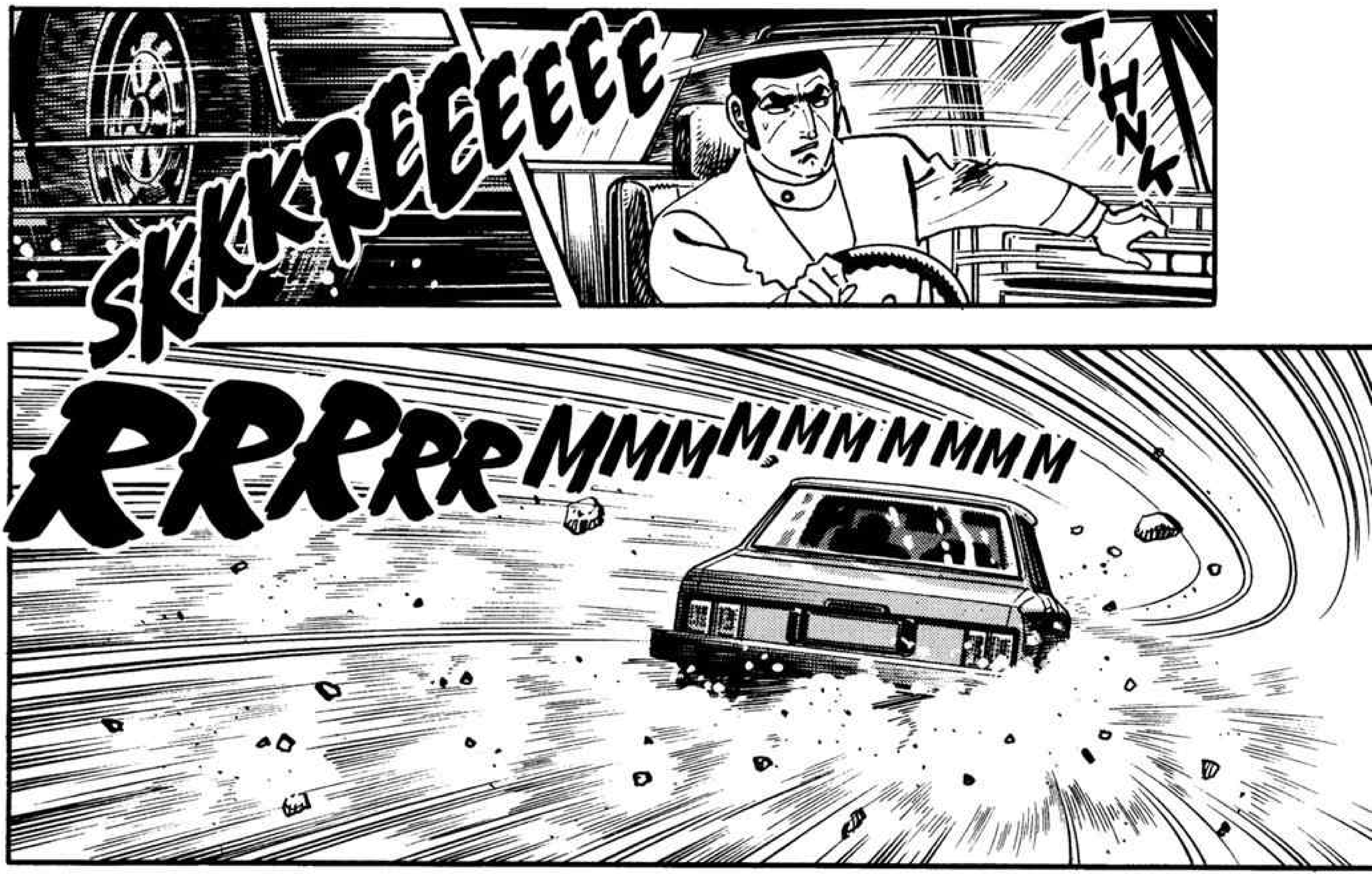

AND I COME EVERY WEEK AT THIS TIME... DON'T I...?
PHUNT

SMAK
!!
BLAMMM
BLAMMM
BLAM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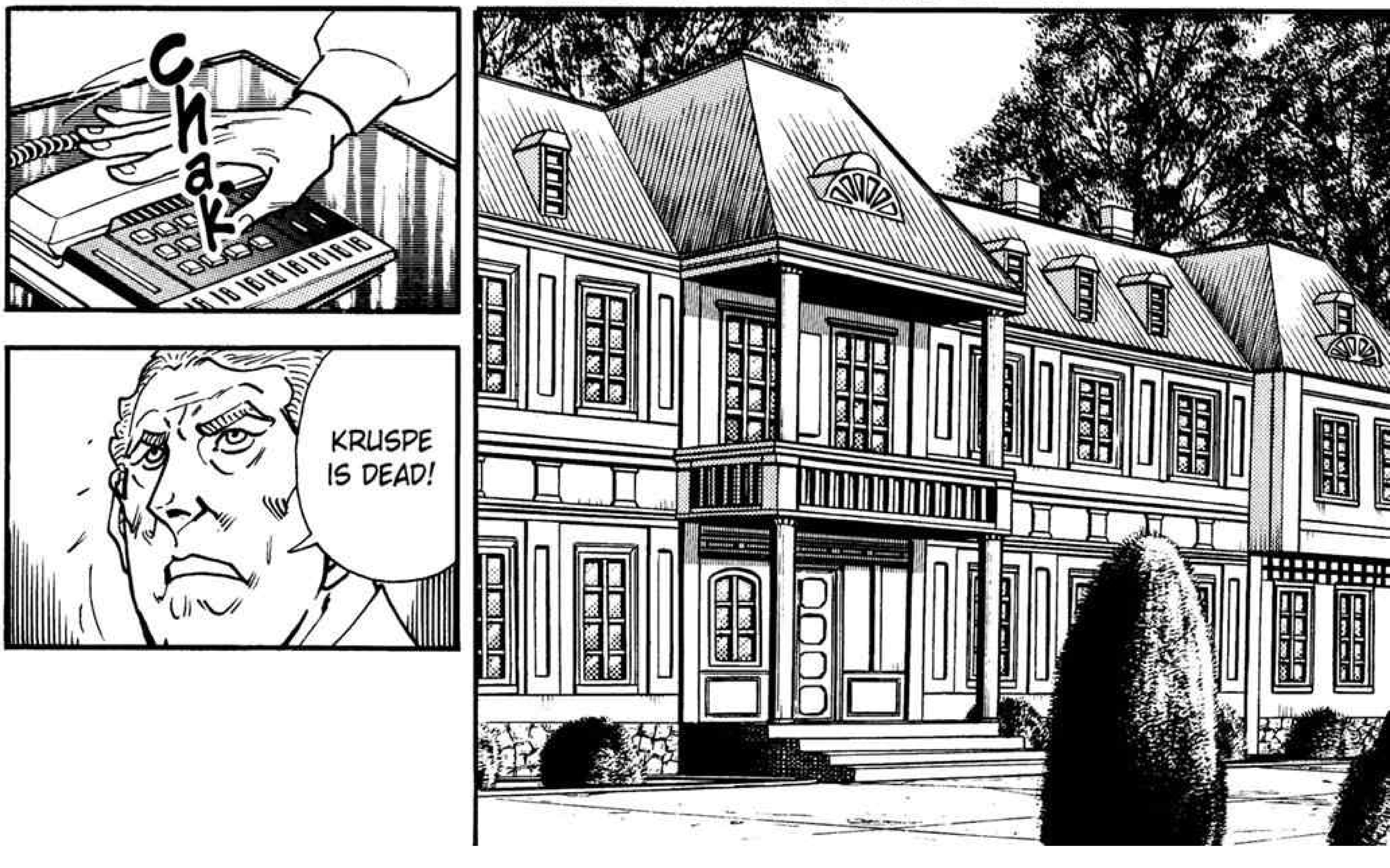
SKKREEEEEEE
RRRRRMMMMMMMMMM

PART 11

HOLD MONSTER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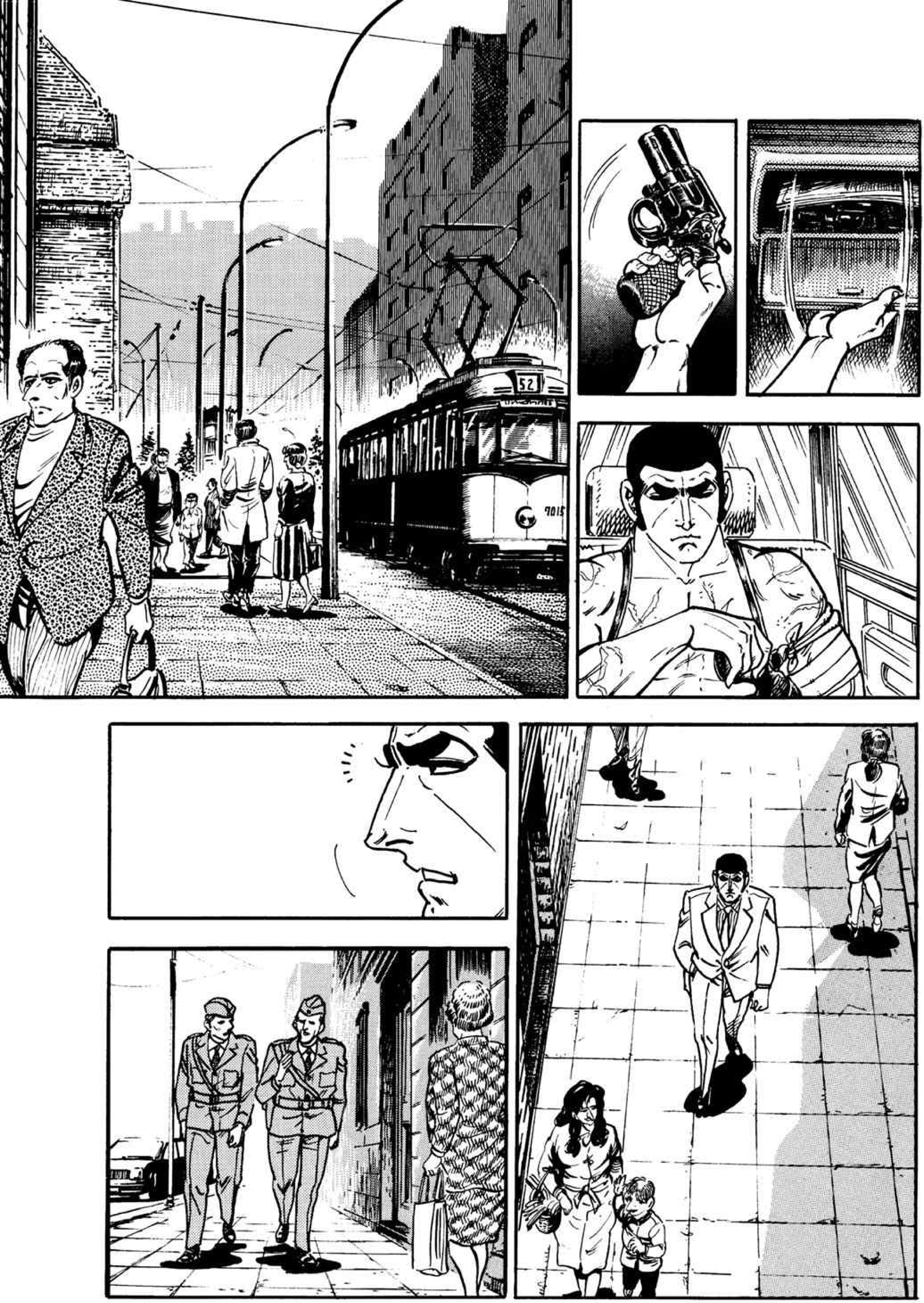
KRUSPE IS DEAD!

WHAT!? DID THE WEST GERMAN BORDER PATROLS MISS HIM?
DID HE SNEAK IN OVERLAND?
HE NEVER EVEN TRIED TO ENTER. HE WENT TO EAST BERLIN INSTEAD AND WAITED FOR KRUSPE TO COME LAY FLOWERS AT THE WALL...THEN HE SHOT HIM THROUGH ONE OF THE GAPS BROKEN INTO IT... RATHER IRONIC, REALLY.
!!
WHERE IS HE NOW ?!
SOMEWHERE STILL IN EAST BERLIN, THEY THINK. KRUSPE'S BODYGUARDS OPENED FIRE ON HIS POSITION ...
...THEY FOUND BLOOD ON A NEARBY ROOFTOP.
EAST BERLIN...
THE QUESTION IS, WHICH ROUTE WILL HE USE TO TRY AND ESCAPE?
THE EAST GERMAN POLICE KNOW ABOUT PREVENTING *THAT.*

KRUSPE WAS EXPECTING ME... THEREFORE, THERE WAS A LEAK.
BUT WHICH OF THE TWO TOLD HIM?
MOREAU? OR LOHENGRIN...?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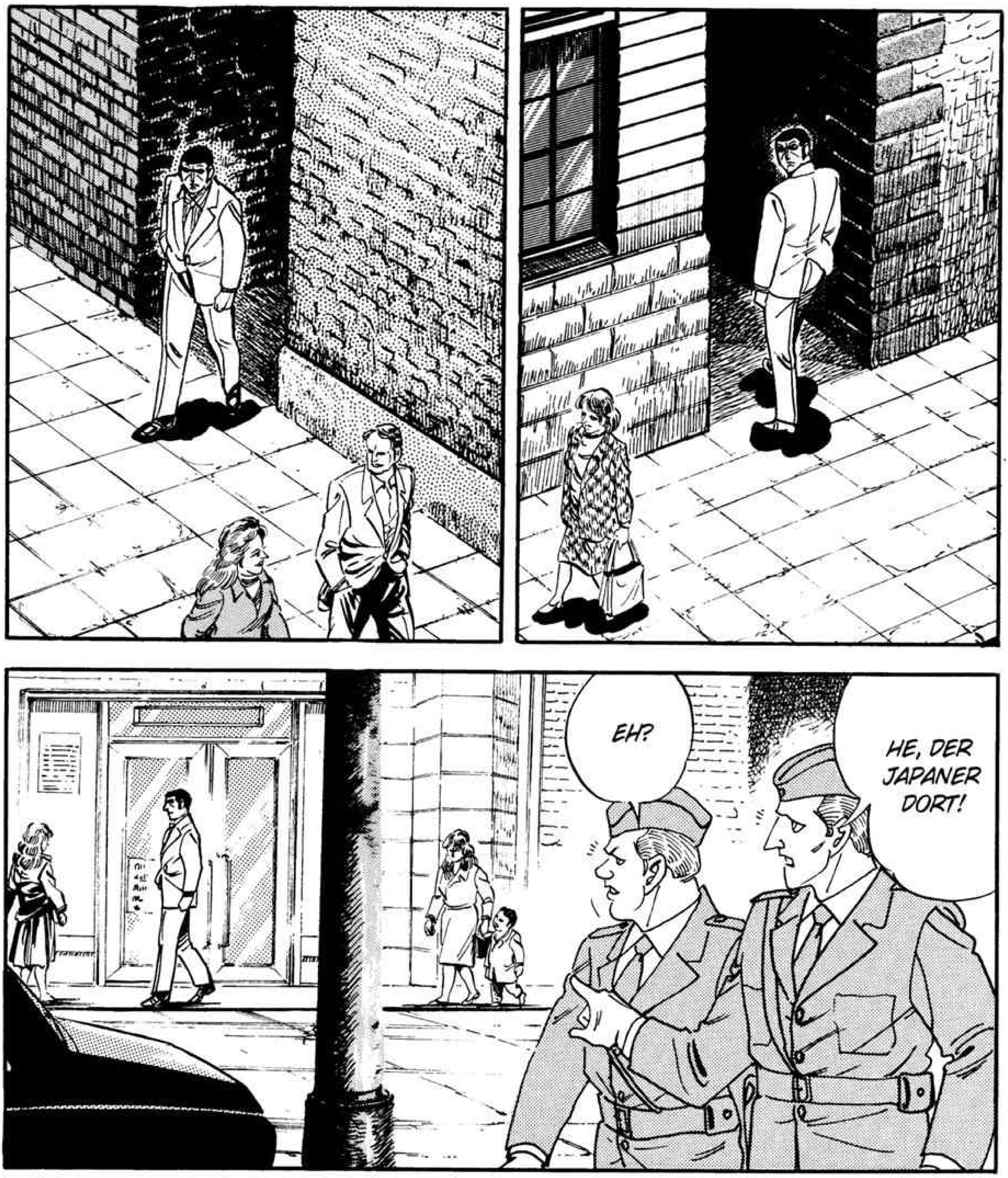
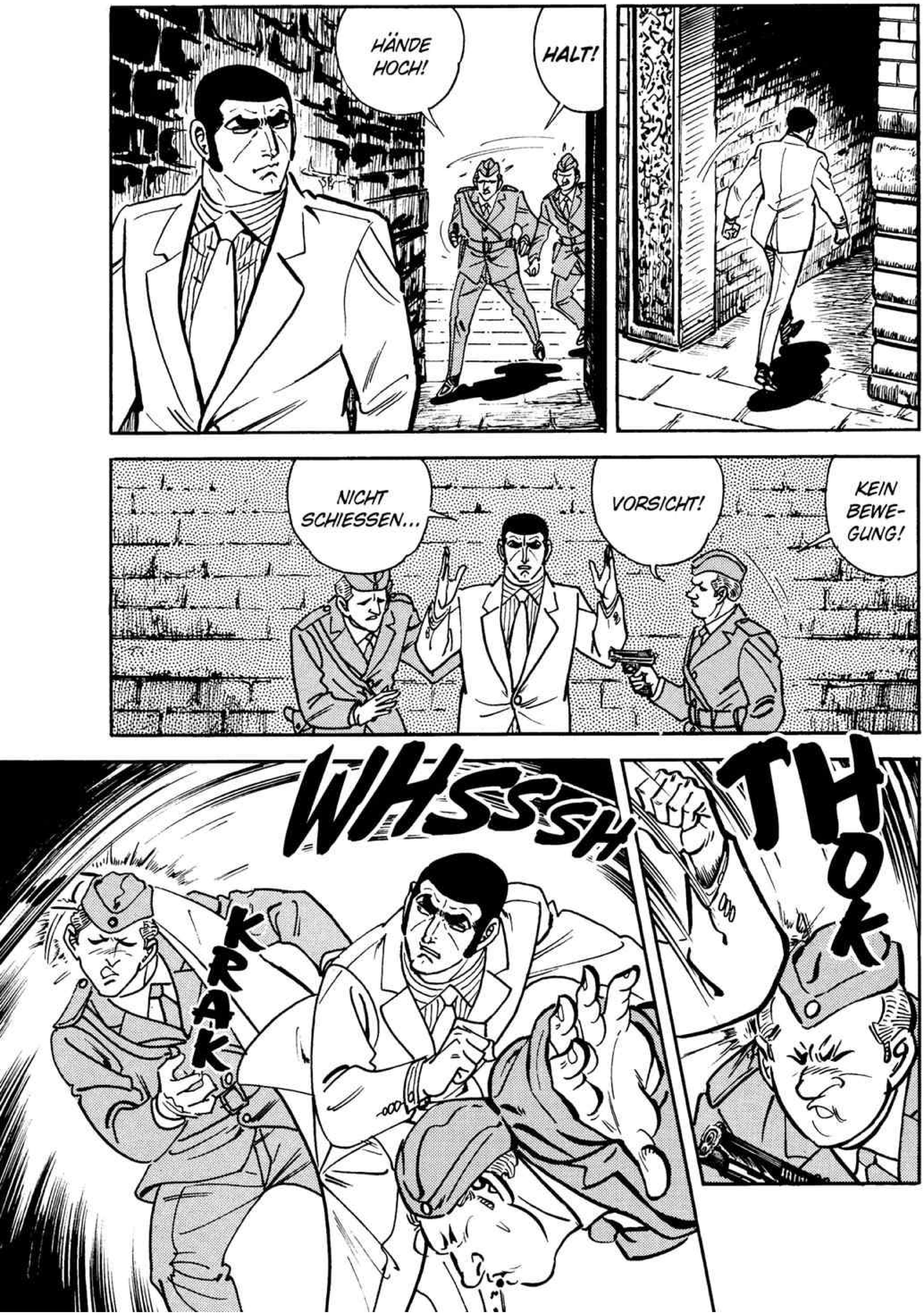

EH?
HE, DER JAPANER DORT!

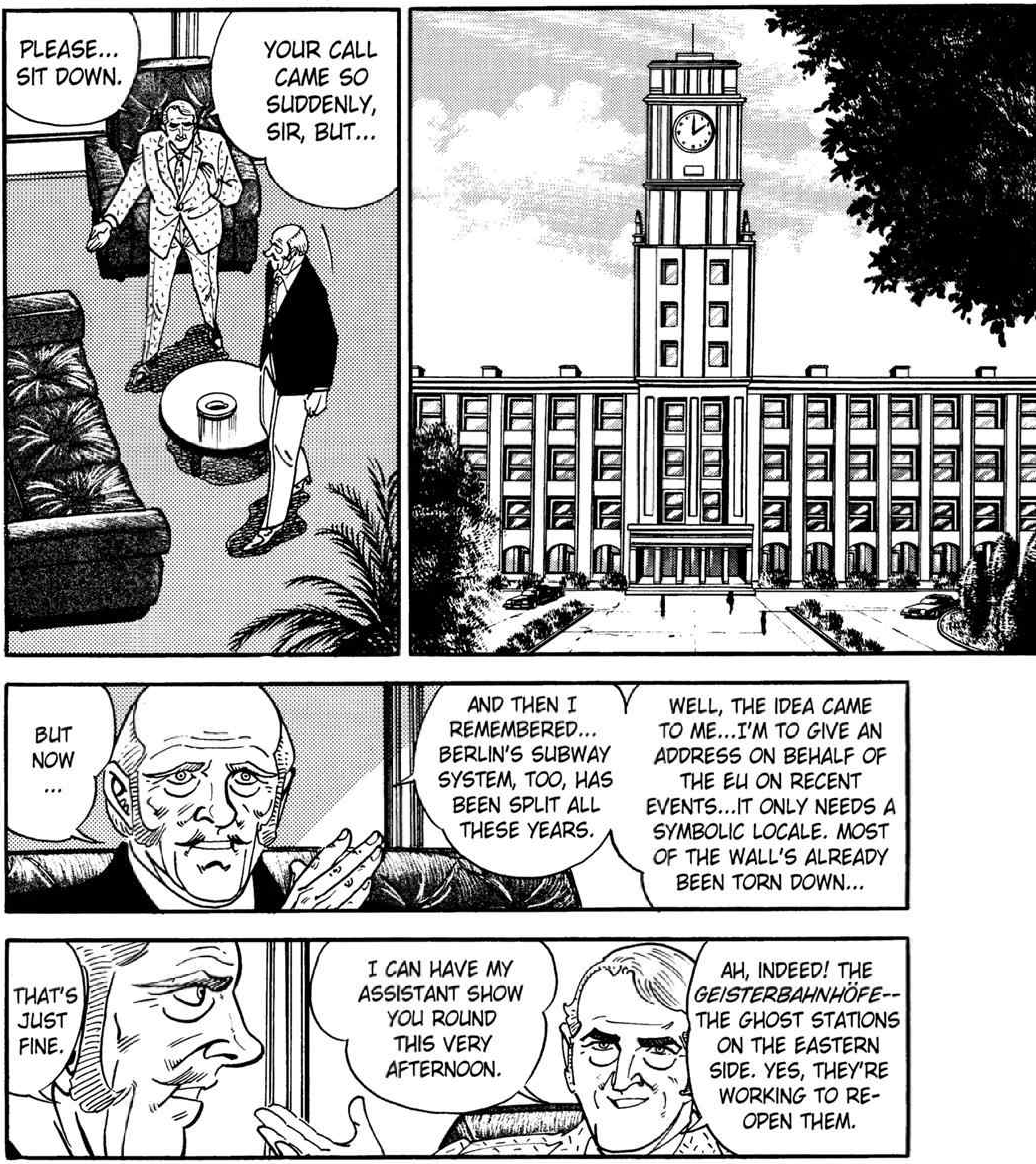

HALT!
HÄNDE HOCH!
KEIN BEWEGUNG!
VORSICHT!
NICHT SCHIESSEN...
THOK
WHSSSH
KRAK

WER DA?
BLAMMMMM
WENN SIE NICHT--
......
LOHENGRIN OR MOREAU... I NEED TO TRUST ONE OF THEM... BUT ONLY THE RIGHT ONE.
BLAMMM

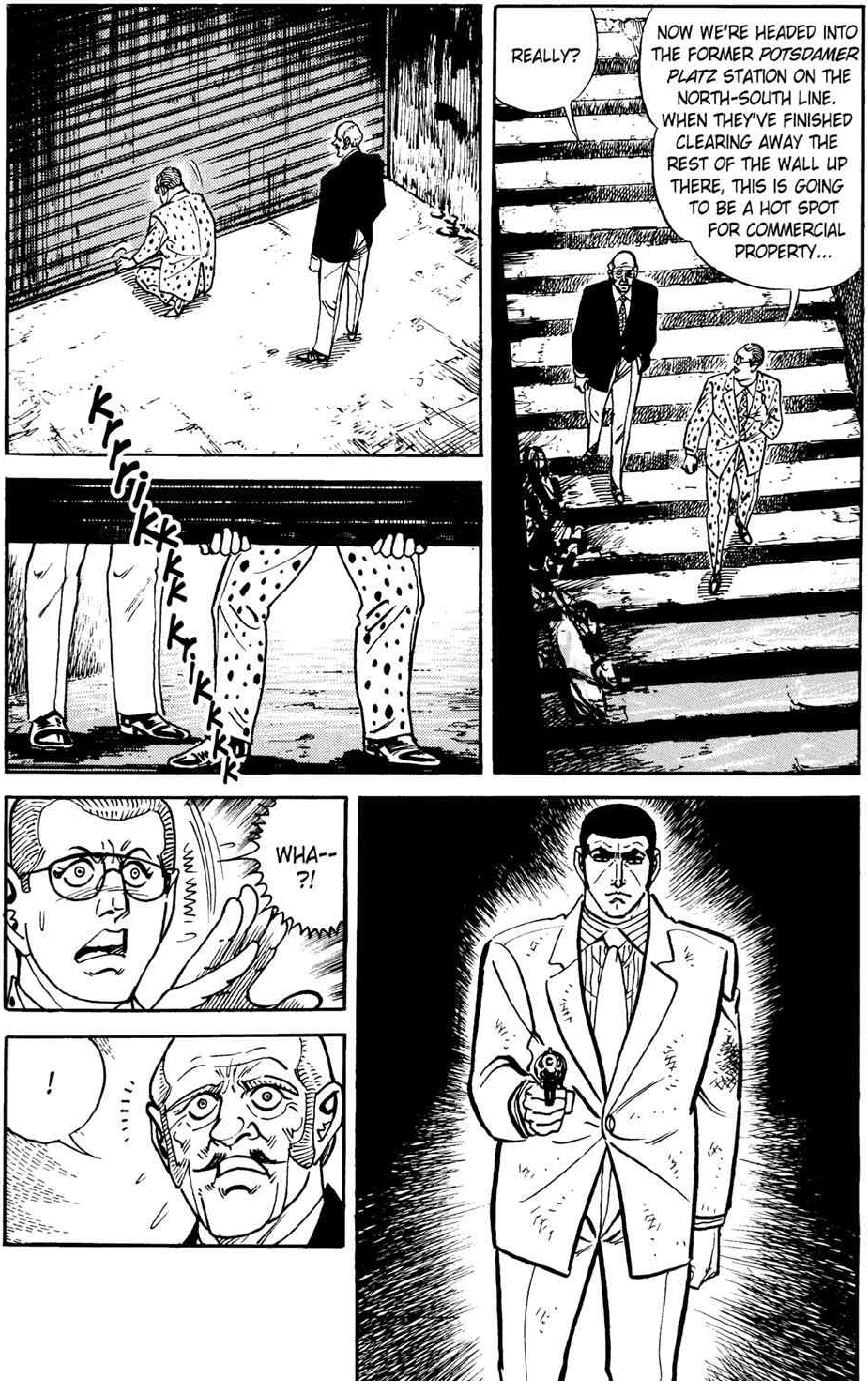
YES? IS...IS THIS MR. TOGO...?
YOU WANT MY HELP?
YES...YES, I SAW KRUSPE'S DEATH ON THE NEWS... CERTAINLY I HAVE A CAR...
YOU SEEM LIKE A MAN OF HONOR, MR. TOGO. AFTER ALL, YOU COULD HAVE POCKETED MY FEE AS WELL...
YES.

PART 12

FIND THE PATH


YOUR CALL CAME SO SUDDENLY, SIR, BUT...
PLEASE... SIT DOWN.
WELL, THE IDEA CAME TO ME...I'M TO GIVE AN ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE EU ON RECENT EVENTS...IT ONLY NEEDS A SYMBOLIC LOCALE. MOST OF THE WALL'S ALREADY BEEN TORN DOWN...
AND THEN I REMEMBERED... BERLIN'S SUBWAY SYSTEM, TOO, HAS BEEN SPLIT ALL THESE YEARS.
BUT NOW ...
AH, INDEED! THE *GEISTERBAHNHÖFE*-- THE GHOST STATIONS ON THE EASTERN SIDE. YES, THEY'RE WORKING TO RE-OPEN THEM.
I CAN HAVE MY ASSISTANT SHOW YOU ROUND THIS VERY AFTERNOON.
THAT'S JUST FINE.

...SO THE TRAINS FROM THE WEST WOULD PASS THROUGH THE STATIONS, BUT NEVER STOP. DID YOU KNOW WHEN WE RE-ENTERED, ALL THE SIGNS WERE STILL UP FROM 1961?
INDEED?
ER... QUITE A FEW POLICE ABOUT.
WELL, DON'T BE ALARMED ON OUR ACCOUNT...IT'S JUST THAT PATROLS HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP SINCE THE SHOOTING. I KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE THE BAD OLD DAYS...


NOW WE'RE HEADED INTO THE FORMER *POTSDAMER PLATZ* STATION ON THE NORTH-SOUTH LINE. WHEN THEY'VE FINISHED CLEARING AWAY THE REST OF THE WALL UP THERE, THIS IS GOING TO BE A HOT SPOT FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY...
REALLY?
Krrikkkkrikkkkk
WHA-- ?!
!

FACE THE WALL...
DO AS HE SAYS!
D-DON'T HURT ME!
UP THE STAIRS. IN FRONT OF ME.
WHAT'S THE PLAN?
IS HE GOING TO USE ME AS HIS HOSTAGE ...?

?!
PLEASE DON'T...
HE'LL KILL ME.
......
WE MUST HURRY...
NOW!

RRRRRRRRRMMMMMMMMM
……
YOU MIGHT HAVE WARNED ME.
I RATHER THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO MEET ME THERE IN A LESS DRAMATIC MANNER…
……
IS THAT HOW YOU'VE BEEN GETTING AROUND? THROUGH THE SUBWAY TUNNELS…?
I'M AN OLD MAN, MR. TOGO…YOU SEEM TO HAVE UNWARRANTED CONFIDENCE THAT MY HEART WILL KEEP BEATING.
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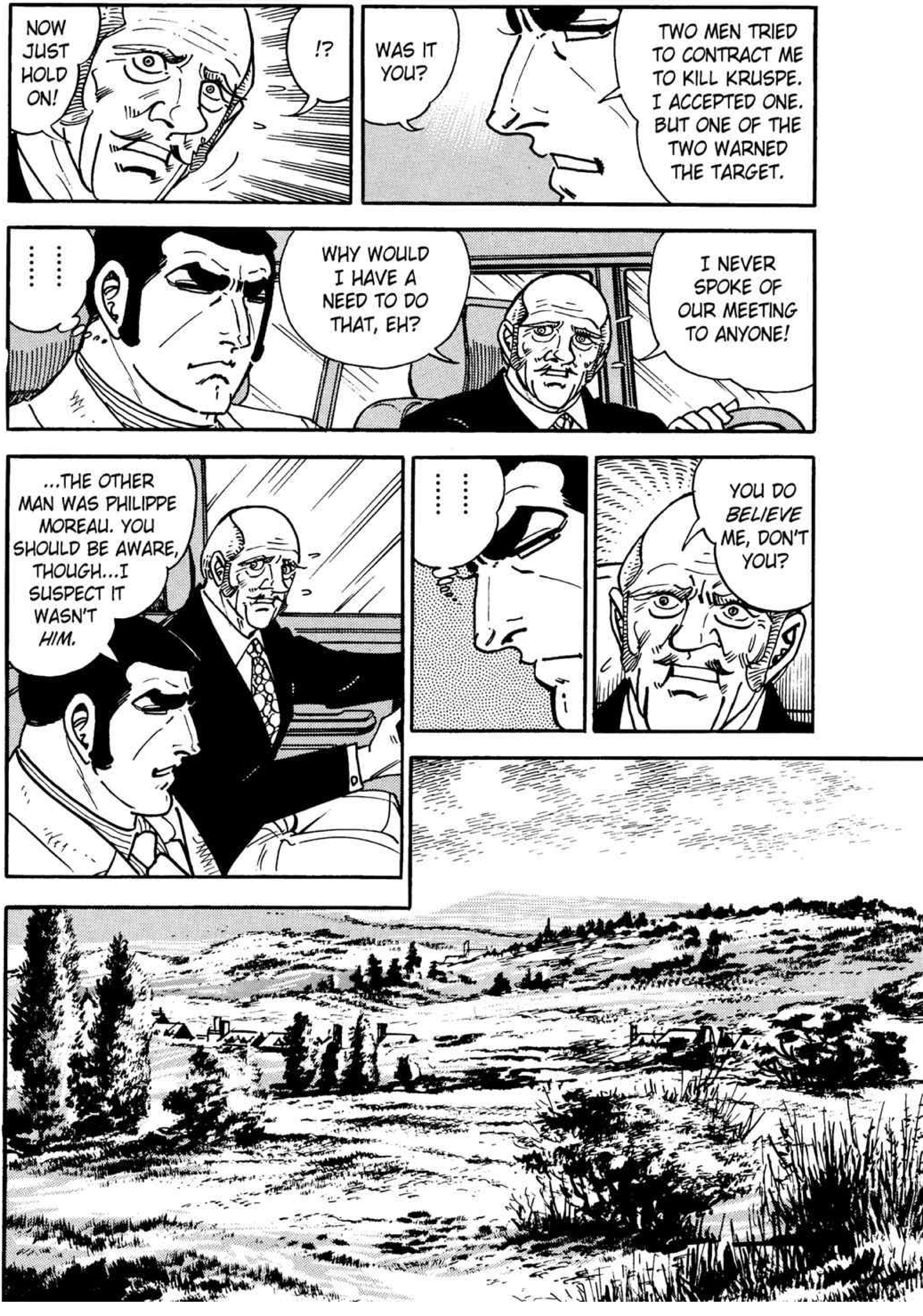
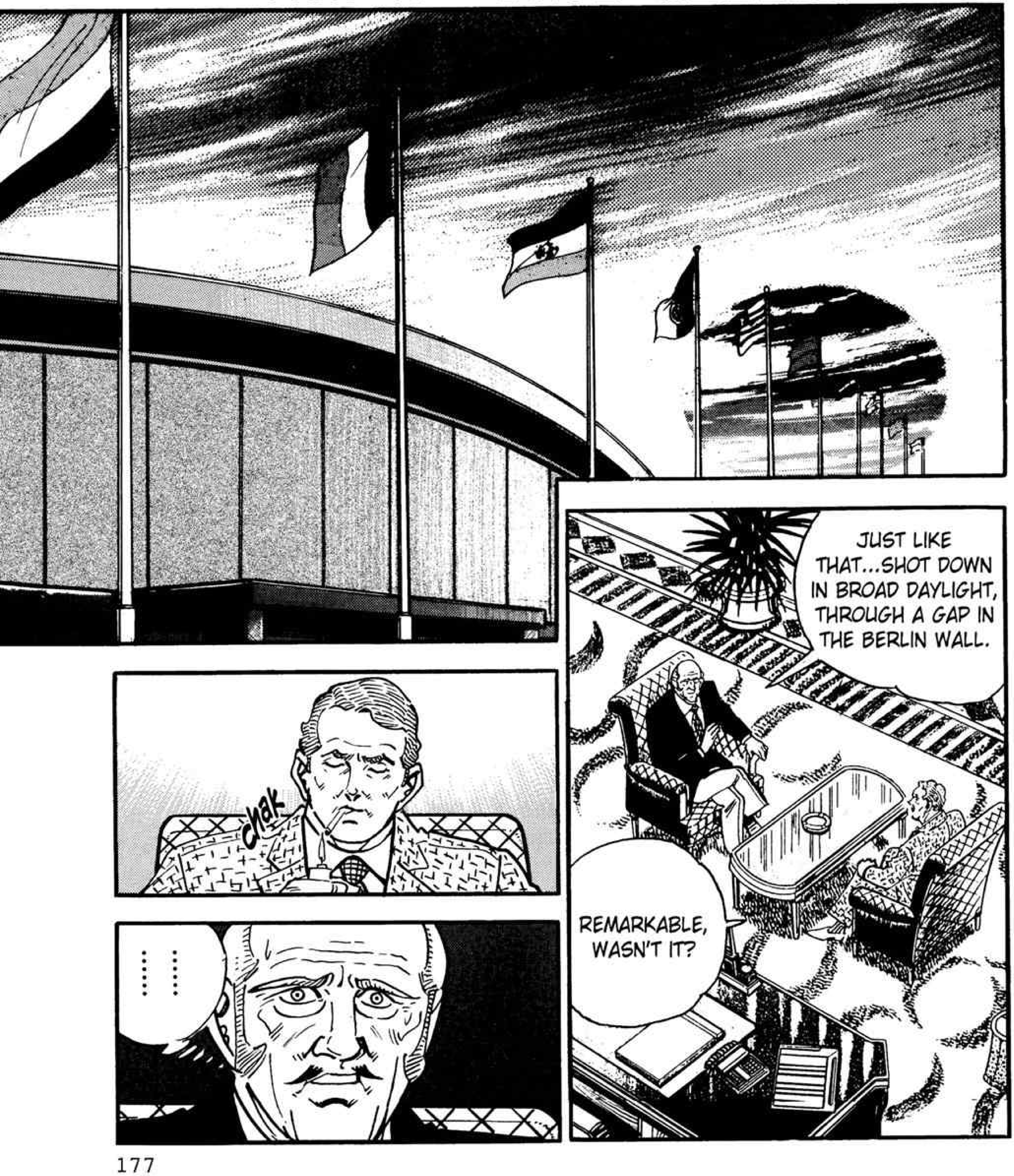

TWO MEN TRIED TO CONTRACT ME TO KILL KRUSPE. I ACCEPTED ONE. BUT ONE OF THE TWO WARNED THE TARGET.
WAS IT YOU?
!?
NOW JUST HOLD ON!
I NEVER SPOKE OF OUR MEETING TO ANYONE!
WHY WOULD I HAVE A NEED TO DO THAT, EH?
......
YOU DO *BELIEVE* ME, DON'T YOU?
......
...THE OTHER MAN WAS PHILIPPE MOREAU. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, THOUGH...I SUSPECT IT WASN'T *HIM*.

PART 13 TRUE SEEING


JUST LIKE THAT...SHOT DOWN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, THROUGH A GAP IN THE BERLIN WALL.
REMARKABLE, WASN'T IT?
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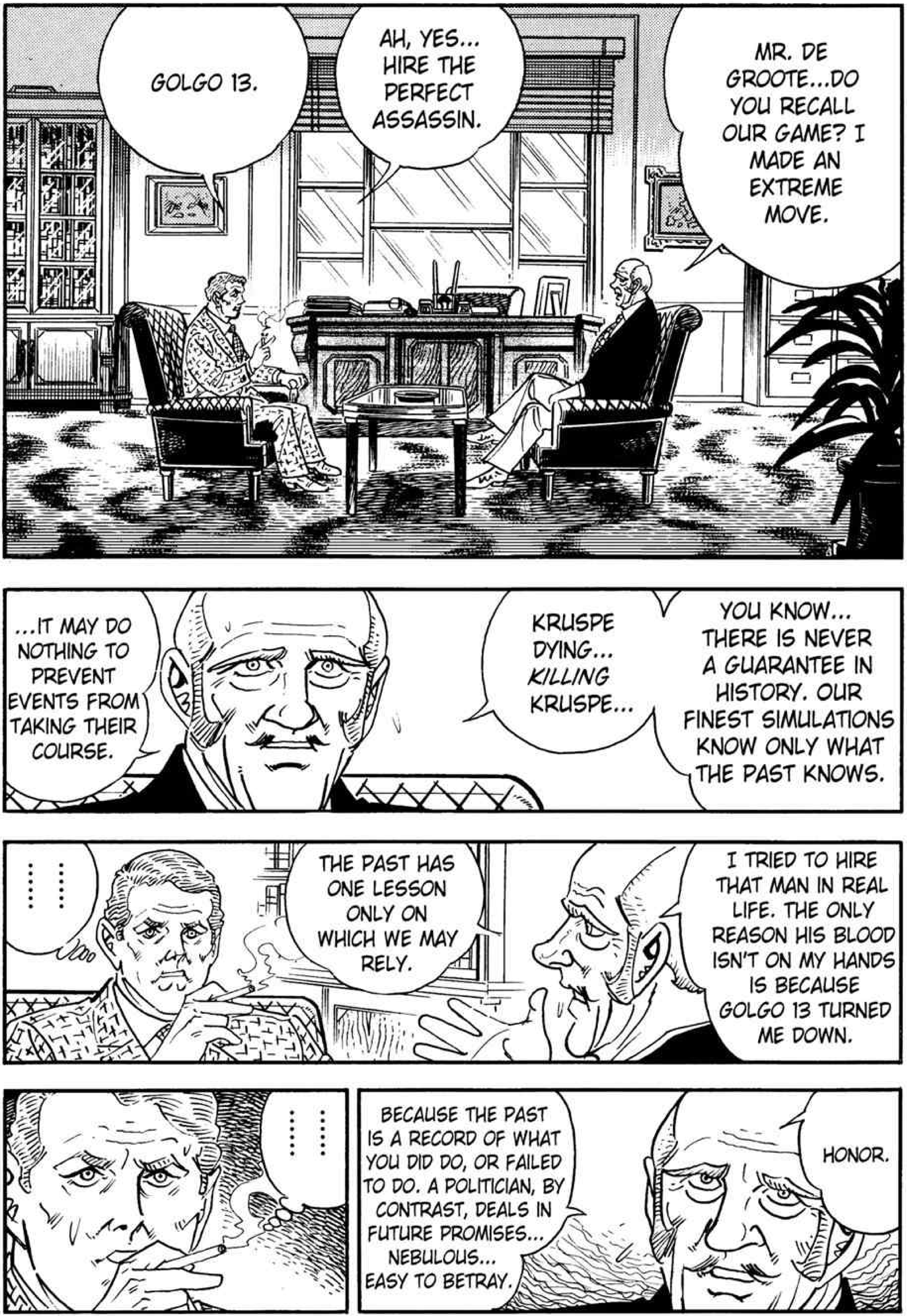
......


MR. DE GROOTE...DO YOU RECALL OUR GAME? I MADE AN EXTREME MOVE.
AH, YES... HIRE THE PERFECT ASSASSIN.
GOLGO 13.
YOU KNOW... THERE IS NEVER A GUARANTEE IN HISTORY. OUR FINEST SIMULATIONS KNOW ONLY WHAT THE PAST KNOWS.
KRUSPE DYING... *KILLING* KRUSPE...
...IT MAY DO NOTHING TO PREVENT EVENTS FROM TAKING THEIR COURSE.
I TRIED TO HIRE THAT MAN IN REAL LIFE. THE ONLY REASON HIS BLOOD ISN'T ON MY HANDS IS BECAUSE GOLGO 13 TURNED ME DOWN.
THE PAST HAS ONE LESSON ONLY ON WHICH WE MAY RELY.
......
HONOR.
BECAUSE THE PAST IS A RECORD OF WHAT YOU DID DO, OR FAILED TO DO. A POLITICIAN, BY CONTRAST, DEALS IN FUTURE PROMISES... NEBULOUS... EASY TO BETRAY.
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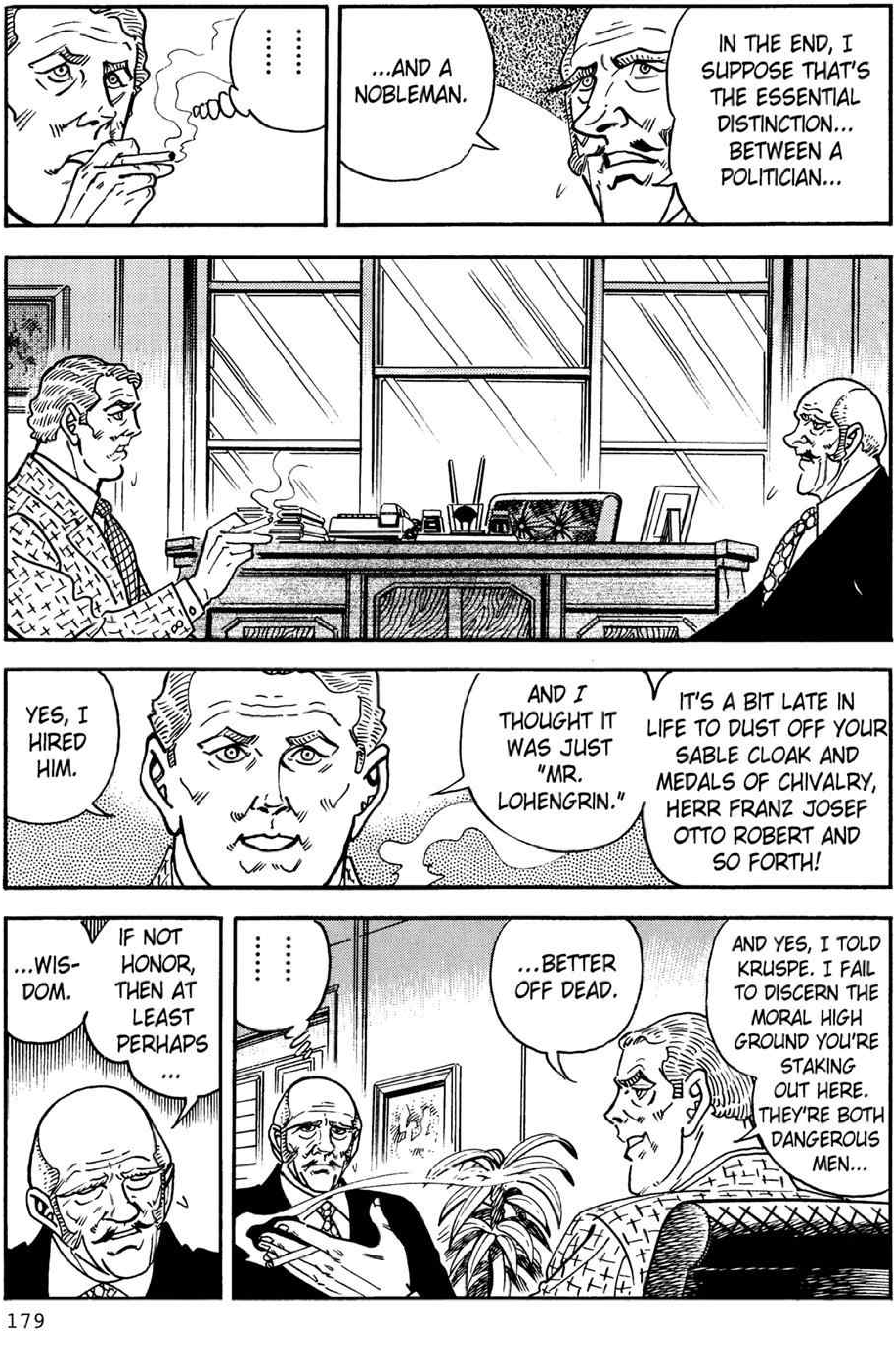
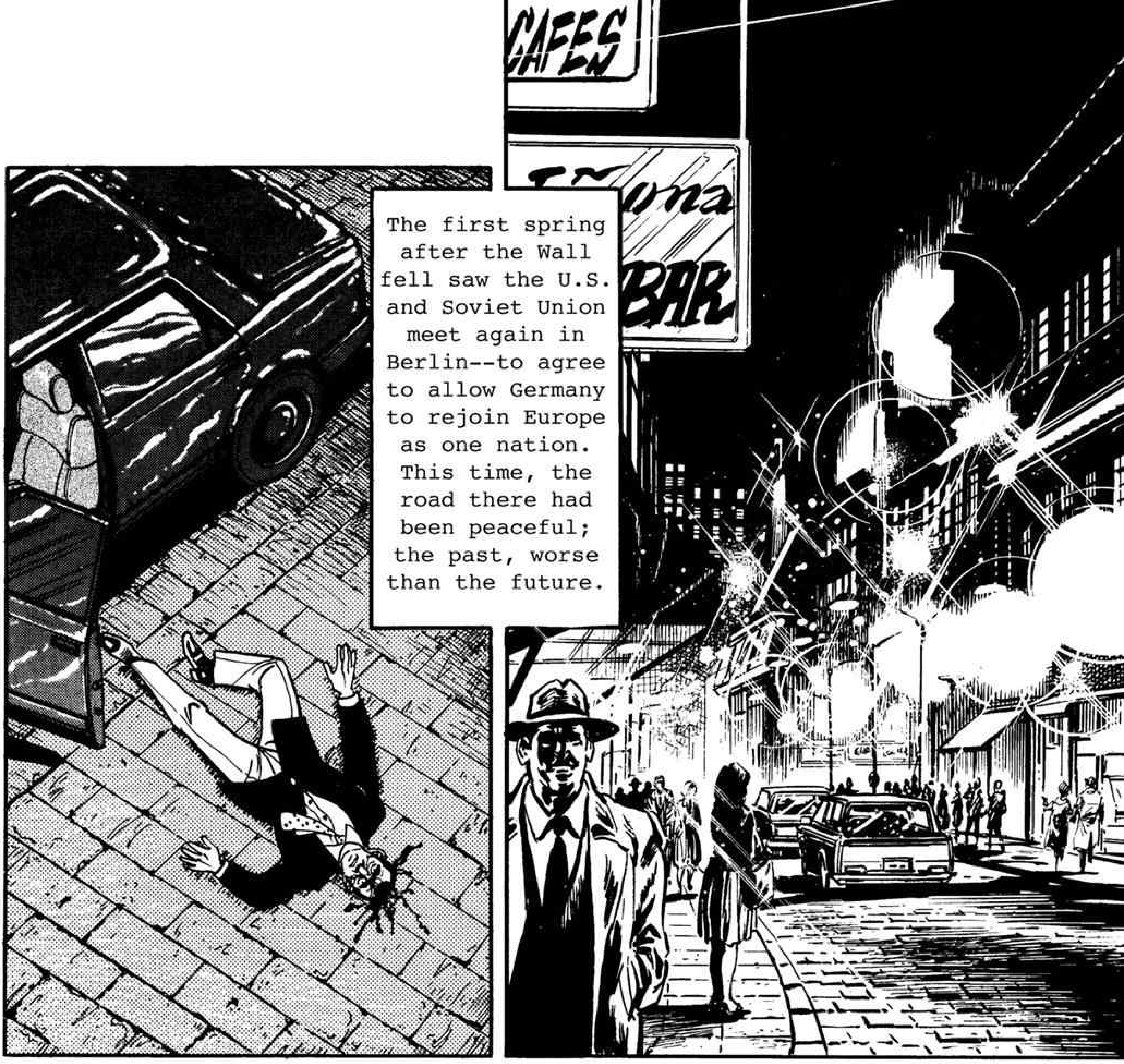

IN THE END, I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE ESSENTIAL DISTINCTION... BETWEEN A POLITICIAN...
...AND A NOBLEMAN.
......
IT'S A BIT LATE IN LIFE TO DUST OFF YOUR SABLE CLOAK AND MEDALS OF CHIVALRY, HERR FRANZ JOSEF OTTO ROBERT AND SO FORTH!
AND I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST "MR. LOHENGRIN."
YES, I HIRED HIM.
AND YES, I TOLD KRUSPE. I FAIL TO DISCERN THE MORAL HIGH GROUND YOU'RE STAKING OUT HERE. THEY'RE BOTH DANGEROUS MEN...
...BETTER OFF DEAD.
......
IF NOT HONOR, THEN AT LEAST PERHAPS...
...WIS-DOM.

EH?
MOREAU IS ALREADY DEAD.
THE GAME YOU'RE PLAYING IS MUCH OLDER THAN YOUR RULES, MR. DE GROOTE. I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR MISTAKE, FOR I'VE SEEN THE OUTCOME.
WHAT DOES--
WHAT?
YOU MISTAKE THE PERSON... FOR THE PLAYING PIECE.
IT'S A TYPE OF ERROR ONLY MEN LIKE US CAN MAKE, ROLLING OUR GOLDEN DICE OVER THE WORLD.
KRRRAKK

ARE YOU STILL LISTENING ...
...MR. TOGO ...?

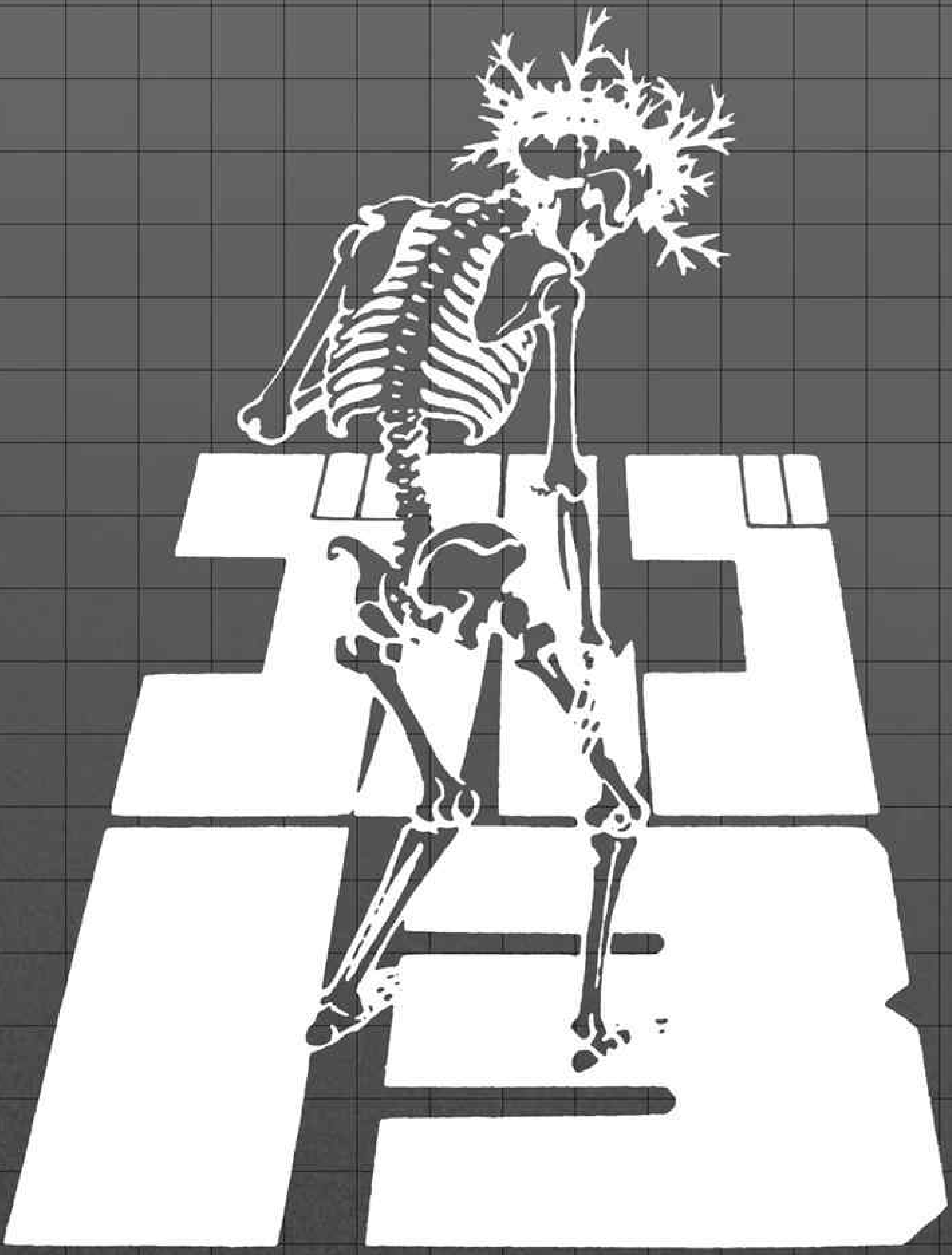

CAFES
BAR
The first spring after the Wall fell saw the U.S. and Soviet Union meet again in Berlin--to agree to allow Germany to rejoin Europe as one nation. This time, the road there had been peaceful; the past, worse than the future.

END

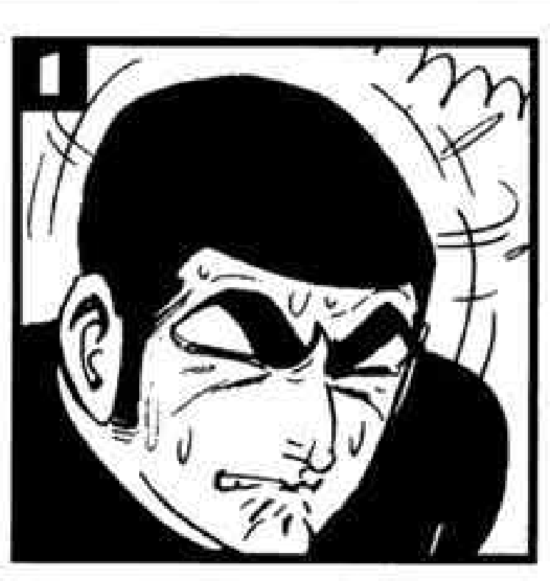
Germany Is One
Golgo 13 Story #288, August 1990

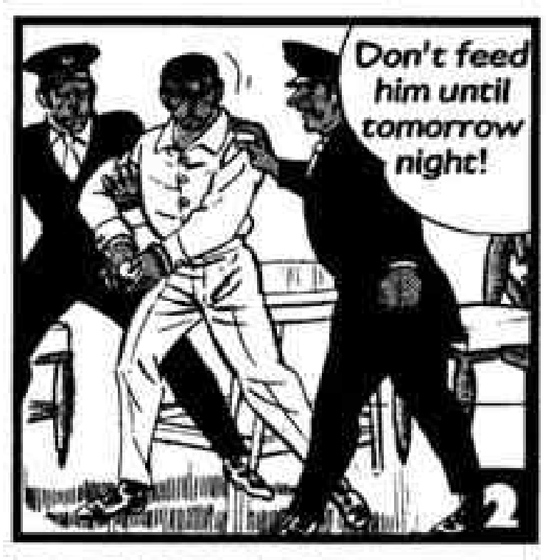
FILE 13

Secrets of the World's Deadliest Assassin



Summary: History and profile of **GOLGO 13** (a.k.a. "Duke Togo," other aliases) since 1968; sources include former KGB, CIA, SIS, Mossad, and other world intelligence agencies.




Don't feed him until tomorrow night!
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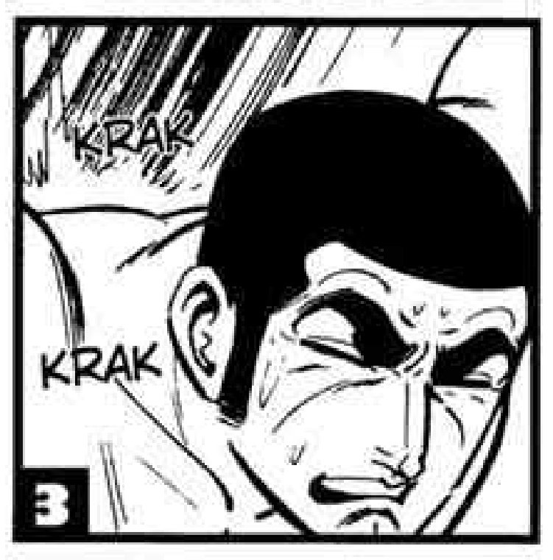
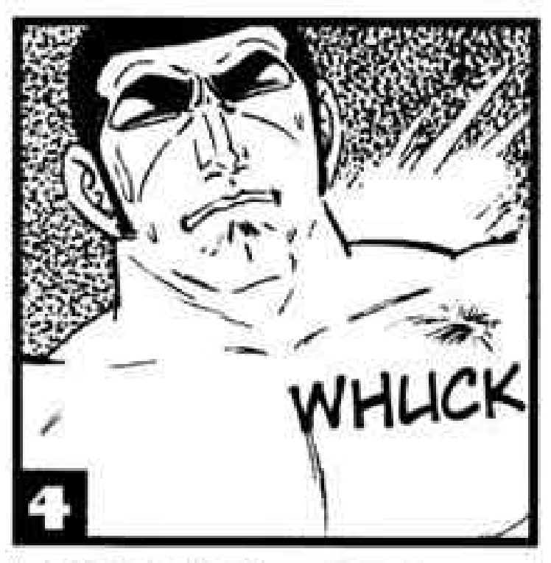
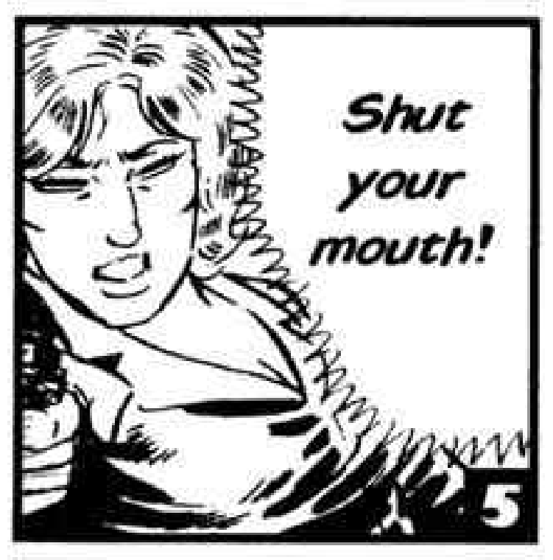
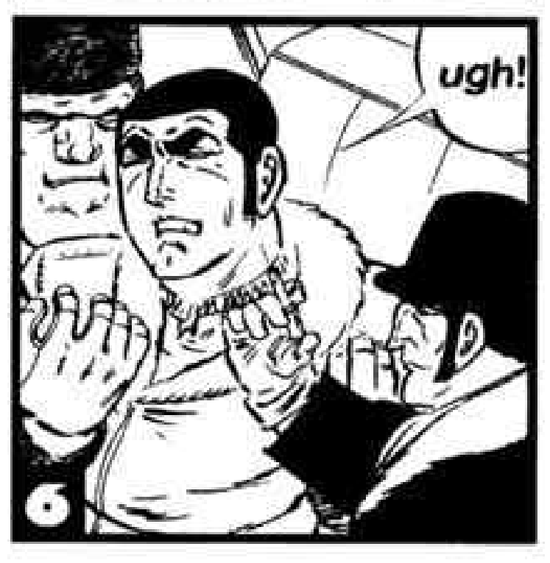








1. Story #2, "The Howl of Delos," 1969

Method: Imbibing champagne spiked with mescaline and Actedron (a brand name of amphetamine sulfate).

Torturer: Bonne, an ostensible colleague.

Purpose: Name and nationality of G13.

Location: Delos, Greece: in the basement of Bonne's mansion.

Effect: Excitation, delirium, headache, dizziness, nausea.

Notes: Golgo escaped the site with the aid of Algarita, a woman also held captive at the mansion.

2. Story #5, "Sleep in a Cage," 1969

Method: Starvation; while forced to watch others eating in the prison cafeteria.

Torturer: Warden Kickers.

Purpose: Punishment for verbal insult.

Location: Pandora Island Prison, Bristol Bay, Alaska.

Effect: None.

Notes: See also under "Prison Record" in Vol. 02's File 13.

3. Story #23, "Inland Region," 1970

Method: Hung by the arms and whipped.

Torturer: Unnamed Bolivian soldier.

Purpose: To elicit confession of being a guerilla.

Location: Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Effect: Exclamations of apparent great pain.

Notes: The torture, and Golgo's reaction to it, was a ruse designed to help him infiltrate an anti-government group. Note: G13 would use a very similar ploy in 1994's Story #333, "Power to the People."

4. Story #34, "When One Looks Good in Mourning Clothes," 1970

Method: Stripped to the waist and flogged with a spiked whip.

Torturer: The Comte du Babierre (actual whipping done by his servant, Charles).

Purpose: Revenge for previous job.

Location: Torture chamber of the Comte's estate.

Effect: From the "!!" and the expression on his face as he gritted his teeth, it can be surmised that he was in fact in a great deal of pain.

Notes: The Comte apparently also planned to subject Golgo to breaking on the wheel and the iron maiden before dispatching him with a guillotine, but did not receive the opportunity.

5. Story #42, "The Melancholy of the Queen," 1971

Method: "Shark Hanging"—hung from the wrists by a crane and beaten by two women: one wielding a chain, and the other, a whip. It is thought having women administer the torture was a ploy intended to humiliate Golgo.

Torturer: Two unnamed female subordinates working under Paul Preston, an official of MI5 (British domestic intelligence).

Purpose: To discover the following: which spy organization G13 was working for; his infiltration route into the U.K.; and the location of the film from the Minox spy camera discovered in his room (the entire interrogation was in error, as Golgo had nothing to do with the camera).

Location: MI5 headquarters, London

Effect: Because Golgo endured the torture for so long, the women eventually gave up.

Notes: Other possible methods for use on Golgo were discussed, such as "Pork Hanging" (by the feet) and "The Codfish" (pouring tap water into the mouth with a hose).

6. Story #46, "Requiem as Fangs," 1971

Method: Injected in the neck with a sedative. Not a torture *per se* but included here to illustrate Golgo's past experience with drugs.

Torturer: KGB officer.

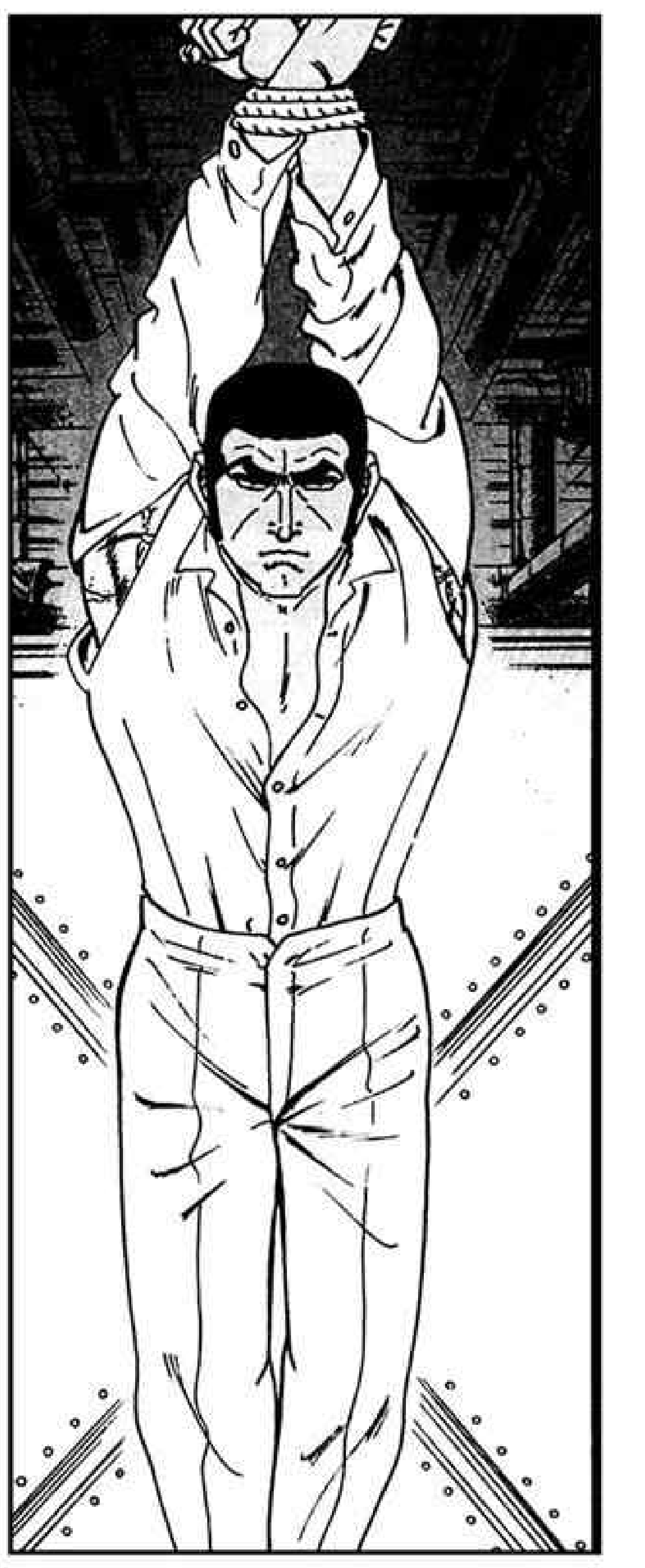
Purpose: He was a "questionable person."

Location: Eastern Siberia.

Effect: Unconscious for 2-3 days.

Notes: Golgo, waking up in KGB custody in Moscow, estimated how long he had been asleep based on his sense of hunger. The KGB was not in fact aware of his identity, and was on the verge of executing him.

Overview: Looking Back at that "Godlike" Endurance



- Torture is typically performed in order to extract information from a subject, and due to his line of work, Golgo has been subjected to it often—although every time, he has withstood it with a strength and willpower sometimes characterized as "godlike" and "inhuman."

- This is a necessary part of his urge to survive (see also discussion under "Chronic Disease" in Vol. 02's File 13) as the single most common occurrence under which Golgo is tortured is by people unaware of his mission or true identity (that is, an assassin); the longer the torturer's curiosity remains unsatisfied, the more chances G13 will have to escape, whereas he might simply be killed once he gave over the wanted information.

- Methods that would reduce the normal operative to begging and incontinence have failed to elicit so much as a grunt from G13. As a brief example of physical technique, Golgo had occasion to be tortured under the reign of Idi Amin with binding tools and a crocodile-hide spined whip (Story #122, "The Dictator's Supper," 1977). The pain was clearly excruciating, yet G13 would neither break down nor confess.

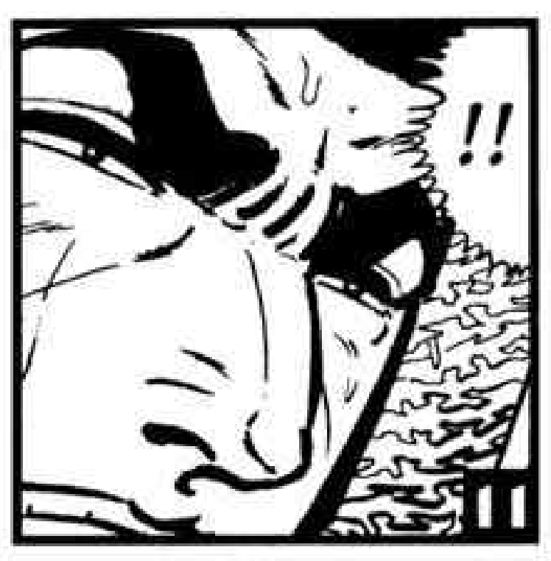
- A more dangerous form of torture can be mental. In 1974's Story #85, "Statistically Explained Sniping," even Golgo was found to be biting his lips in order to keep sane after physical assaults were supplemented by the dual attack of blinding lights and hard rock being blasted through his earphones.

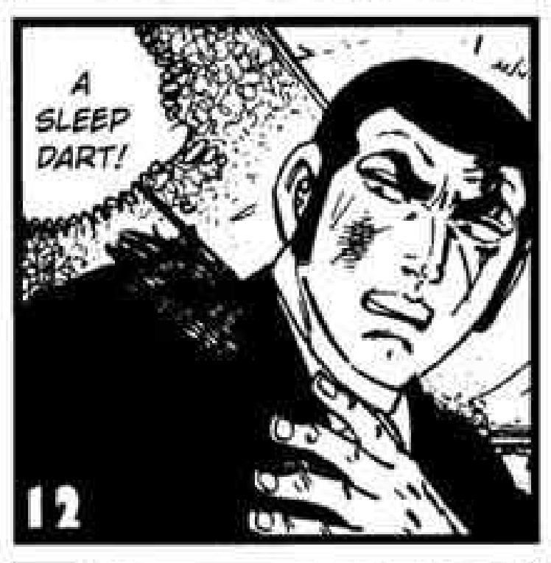
- Pain is something Golgo can endure; sensory or drug-induced attacks on his cognition are a different kind of risk. It is speculated the mental discipline Golgo has developed over the years for sniping (see also Vol. 01's File 13 under "Physical Observations") has helped him develop resistance to this sort of assault as well.

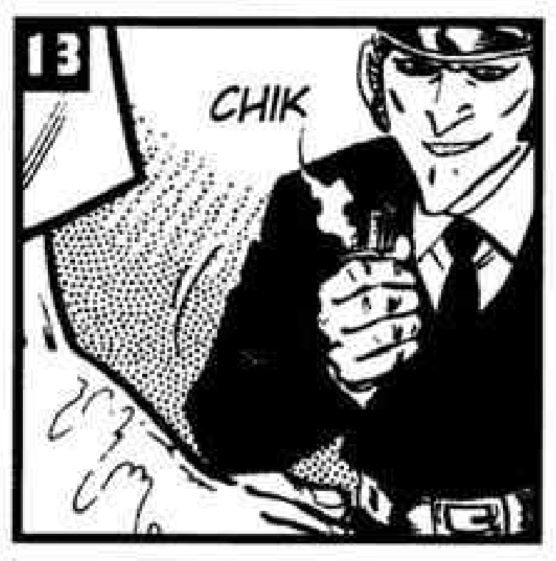
- For example, in 1969's Story #2, "The Howl of Delos," G13 was given champagne containing a mind-altering substance. Captured, he desperately worked to free himself as the drug took effect, out of fear he would become so disassociative that he would not be able to prevent himself from confessing.

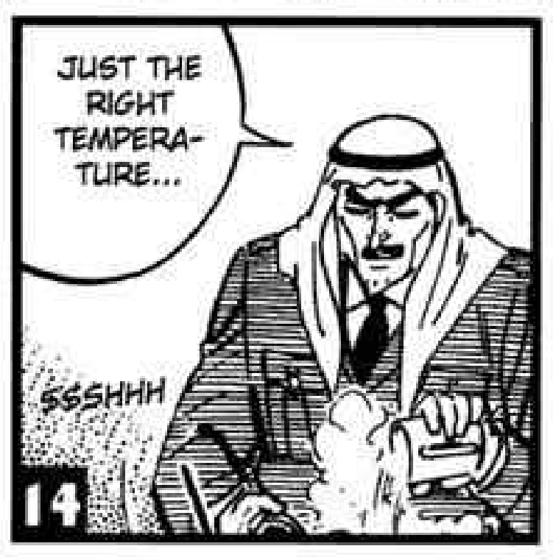
- In contrast, by the time of 1982's Story #184, "Telepath," we see a Golgo whose command of self-hypnosis is such that he need no longer fear such psychological techniques. There are at least five known occasions (including incidents not related to interrogation) when Golgo 13 has been drugged, but since the events of "Telepath," he has given himself a post-hypnotic command to resist it (as seen in Story #279, "Levant Triangle," 1989 and Special Edition Story #49, "Taboo," 1996).

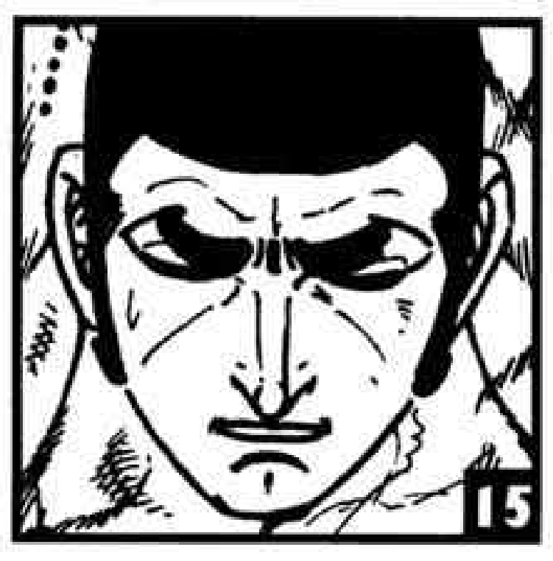
- From the examples illustrated, it will be shown that the notion Golgo does not feel pain is simply part of the folklore surrounding him (much as the idea he never smiles). Certainly he does; however, Golgo 13's willpower has been developed to a point where no method of torture, either mental or physical, may be expected to break him (but see Horibe Masashi's commentary below). Defeating Golgo by torture is as difficult as making him laugh out loud.











11. Story #122, "The Dictator's Supper," 1977

Method: "Nile-style" torture. While bound hand and foot under the hot sun, the subject is whipped while a leather belt tightens on his abdomen. The torture is so named for the twin tools used in it, both fashioned from the hide of Nile River animals: the whip, made of jagged crocodile skin, and the belt, made of hippo pelt that shrinks when exposed to sunlight.

Torturer: General Yam Jonga, commander of a guerilla unit.

Purpose: Jonga had originally given help to Golgo, who was in a poor state of health, but became suspicious of his belongings and decided to interrogate him to determine his identity and objective.

Location: Guerilla base in Uganda.

Effect: Perhaps weakened due to illness, Golgo did show visible distress, including biting his lip and emitting cries of "Ungh!"

Notes: Golgo had contracted trypanosomiasis (more commonly known as "sleeping sickness"), a life-threatening illness spread by the bloodsucking tsetse fly.

12. Story #138, "Aliens of America," 1978

Method: Kidnapped Golgo by arranging a car accident; after knocking him out at the scene with a sedative dart, had him injected with a drug to temporarily paralyze his speech. Not a torture *per se* but included here to illustrate Golgo's past experience with drugs.

Torturer: Dr. Rita, a psychiatrist.

Purpose: A ruse to make Golgo think his client had betrayed him, so that he would seek revenge.

Location: Private hospital near Sequoia National Park, California.

Effect: Unconsciousness; paralysis of vocal cords.

Notes: The ruse itself failed, as Golgo's own medical knowledge was sufficient for him to realize he was being drugged.

13. Story #164, "Robben Island Prison," 1980

Method: Hung by the wrists and whipped; left foot drenched in oil and set on fire.

Torturer: Harold Schumann, warden of Robben Island Prison, with guard assisting.

Purpose: Determine true identity of the prisoner.

Location: Robben Island Prison, 12 km south of Cape Town, South Africa.

Effect: The torture appeared physically painful; however, his expression "..." suggested that he was able to bear it psychologically.

Notes: Other prisoners were being subjected by Warden Schumann to still more horrible tortures; including, infamously, one involving a poisonous snake.

14. Story #171, "King of Birds," 1981

Method: Hung by the wrists and whipped, and left to hang overnight, before proceeding to the "Arabian Stone-Cooked Meal." This technique involves placing hot stones inside the clothing of the victim. Golgo is told that no one has endured more than three, but in fact the torture is interrupted before the first stone can be placed.

Torturer: Captain Amir of the elite guard unit.

Purpose: Determine who hired Golgo.

Location: Military base in Saudi Arabia.

Effect: The whipping seemed unusually painful for Golgo, making him fall limp, but he was swiftly revived to consciousness by Captain Amir. When the red-hot rock was shown to instantly vaporize some water that was poured over it, even Golgo showed cold sweat, and was unable to hide his nervousness.

Notes: The day after the torture, Golgo was released into the desert, and forced to fight a giant eagle bare-handed.

15. Story #241, "Dive to Tripoli," 1986

Method: Hung by the wrists and beaten with a belt for six hours.

Torturer: Libyan secret police.

Purpose: Determine Golgo's name, nationality, and reason for entering Libya.

Location: Interrogation room in Tripoli.

Effect: Golgo passed out, apparently unable to endure; but this was a ruse to allow him to escape once his captors' guard was down.

Notes: The female spy who entered Libya with Golgo was violated by a member of the secret police.

7. Story #60, "A Reflection in the Desert," 1972

Method: Beaten to the ground, and then subjected to pistol shots being fired inches from his head.

Torturer: Captain Wilkins of the Foreign Legion.

Purpose: To discover Golgo's reason for being near his fortress.

Location: Western Sahara.

Effect: None.

Notes: After being briefly imprisoned, G13 escaped to carry out his planned assassination on the members of a criminal conspiracy meeting within the fortress, including Captain Wilkins.

8. Story #85, "Statistically Explained Sniping," 1974

Method: Hands and feet tied, then suspended upside down and whipped, before being made to witness the rape and strangulation of a prostitute with which G had previous relations by a man with visible symptoms of tertiary syphilis. Pummeled in the face by said man, then strapped into a chair and forced to listen to Led Zeppelin's "Houses of the Holy" at high volume, followed by four days without sleep as high-powered spotlights shone upon him.

Torturer: Three goons ("Mechanic" Valentino, "Pretty Face" Nolan, and "Politician" Jiggler), an unnamed female professional torturer in jodhpurs and riding boots, and a syphilitic known as "Screwball."

Purpose: Under the orders of Chuck Hamilton, chairman of Hamilton Oil, the interrogators sought to discover what Golgo had revealed to the police (in actuality, nothing).

Location: At a Hamilton refinery outside of Dallas, Texas.

Effect: Gritted his teeth at the whipping; assumed an angry expression at the rape-murder; felt pain at the pummeling; sweated, groaned, and bit his lip at the music; went limp and lifeless after four days under the lights, showing the whites of his eyes.

Notes: Retained enough presence of mind to keep flexing his wrist and fingers during the final days of the torture, awaiting his chance to grab a gun when he was freed from the chair. It is of some interest that the music seemed to cause him more direct discomfort than any other aspect of the torture; the sound FX for Led Zeppelin was represented in Japanese as "ZUN ZUN ZUN ZUN."

9. Story #98, "Job From a Saint," 1975

Method: Pummeled in the face before being subjected to the "birdcage"—tied into a human-sized bamboo cage and then hung under the blazing sun.

Torturer: Guerilla in the NPA.

Purpose: Mistaken belief that Golgo was a Japanese policeman.

Location: Secret NPA gun factory in Mindanao, Philippines.

Effect: Little from the torture itself, but Golgo appeared to endure considerable pain in his escape from the "birdcage," as swinging it against a tree to break it put so much strain on his wrist and ankle bindings that he bled.

Notes: The NPA is the New People's Army, the military wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines. Its insurgency, primarily rural-based, still operates today.

10. Story #99, "Reunion With a 60 Day Blank," 1975

Method: Confined to a room where temperature conditions varied from over 40 degrees Centigrade during the day to below freezing at night. Fed only one meal a day, consisting of two pieces of bread and salt soup.

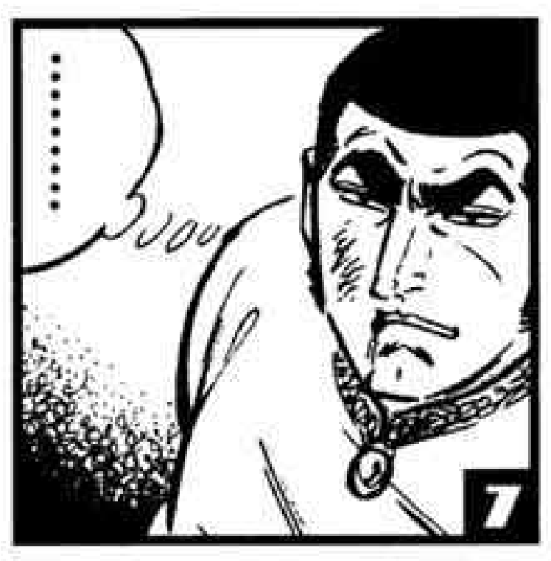
Torturer: Professor Wharton, a psychologist employed at the prison.

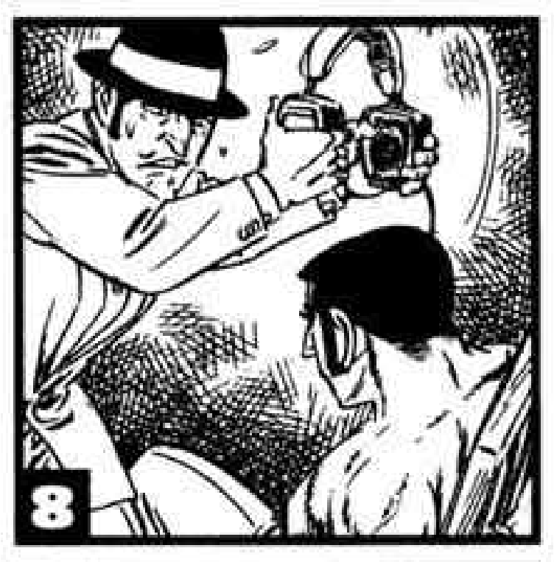
Purpose: Observe Golgo's reactions for research purposes.

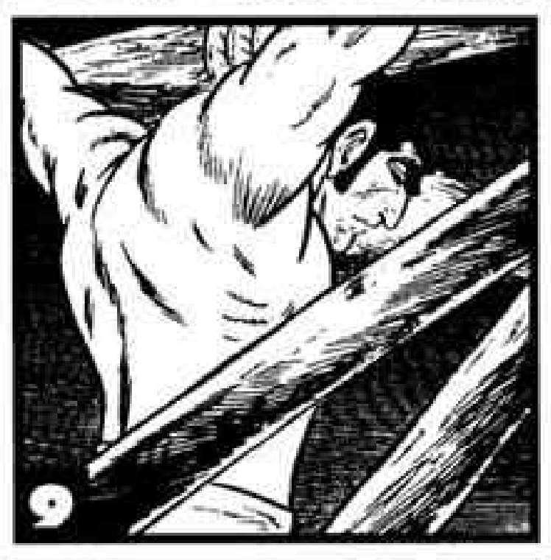
Location: Detention center in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

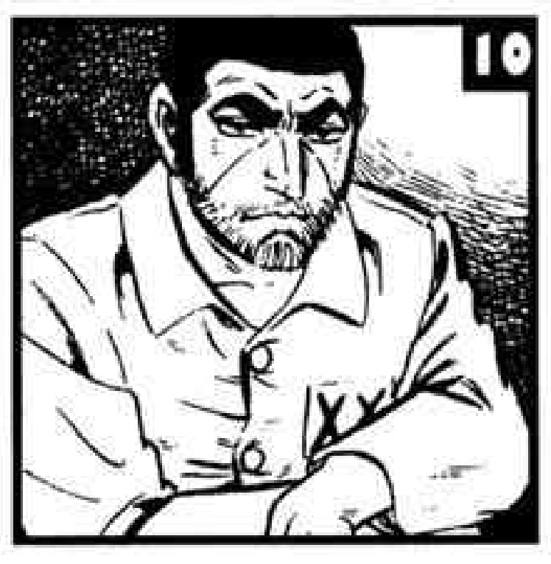
Effect: None.

Notes: Although the room was designed to drive a man insane within a month, Golgo endured 59 days inside without a problem, and then finished his job.





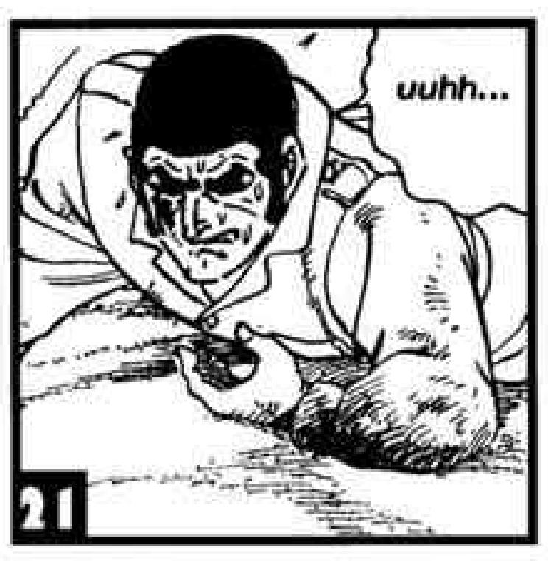




G's Analects:

"Only a fool would take an action based on whim...and only a bigger fool would boast about it!"

(Story #104, "Scandal! The Unpaid Contract," 1976)



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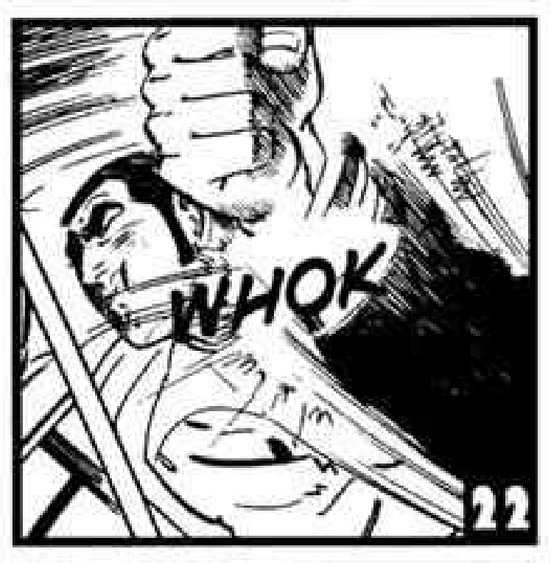

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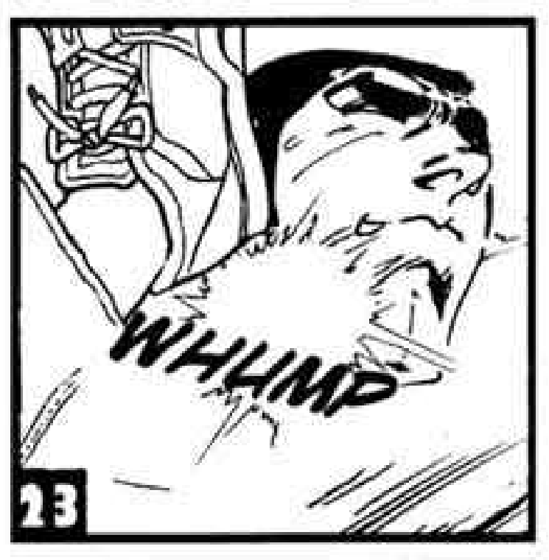

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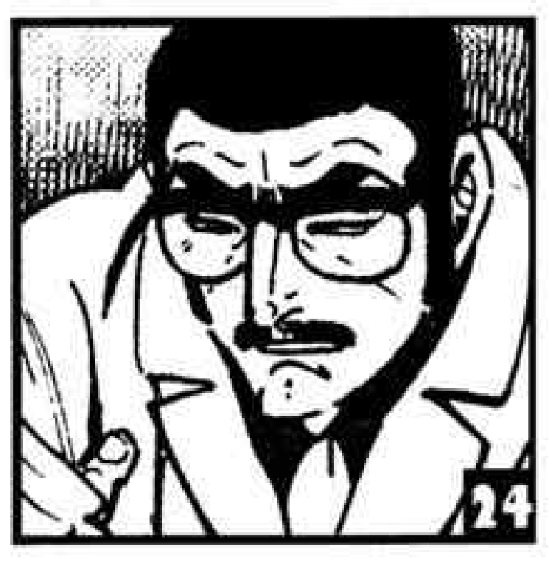

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21. Story #372, "Smile of the Sphinx," 1998

Method: Shot in both legs and left to die of thirst and exposure in the desert.
Torturer: Villager in rural Egypt.
Purpose: Revenge for a friend who had himself been beaten half to death by Golgo.
Location: Western Desert region, Egypt.
Effect: Quite effective, as even Golgo was thinking to himself he wouldn't last two days.
Notes: Golgo in fact finished his mission despite his broken body, and then disappeared into the Sahara.

22. Special Edition Story #4, "Kill the White Pig For His Birthday," 1972

Method: Handcuffed in an interrogation room and beaten in the face.
Torturer: Chief Kimberley of the New York Police Department.
Purpose: The Chief became aware that a man who knew the secrets of his past had contacted Golgo; he wanted to know what information had been exchanged.
Location: Interrogation cell in New York City, possibly The Tombs.
Effect: None; Golgo knocked Kimberley unconscious and escaped.
Notes: Besides the beating, racial epithets were directed at Golgo.

23. Special Edition Story #40, "1 Second Out of 36,000," 1994

Method: After his reactions are slowed by a muscle relaxant, an attempt is made to kick Golgo to death.
Torturer: Ex-East German sports doctor, now an Olympic trainer.
Purpose: Ironically; the incident was an assassination attempt; the trainer had accepted money to kill Golgo, and chose this particular method.
Location: Sports gym in the French countryside.
Effect: Despite the relaxant, Golgo was able to gain the advantage and kill his attacker.
Notes: Golgo had taken the relaxant deliberately, in order to prepare for a sniping job in which he had to hold his position for ten hours before getting the chance to fire.

24. Special Edition Story #49, "Taboo," 1996

Method: Golgo drank coffee spiked with truth serum. Not a torture *per se* but included here to illustrate Golgo's past experience with drugs.
Torturer: Dr. Travis, ex-Army physician, and Lt. General Irwin.
Purpose: Attempt to overcome Golgo (thought to be a journalist) and then destroy both him and the incriminating evidence he had collected in an "accidental" fire.
Location: A hospital in Portland, Oregon.
Effect: Golgo entered into a hypnotic state.
Notes: The state, however, was under the control of Golgo, not his interrogators—again demonstrating the command of self-control he had achieved.

16. Story #250, "Battle of Sons," 1987

Method: Battered in the face while strapped in a chair; tied to a jeep and driven around with clothes stripped; hung upside-down and repeatedly plunged into water.
Torturer: Neal Redman, ex-Navy SEAL now working as an instructor for the Iraqi Army.
Purpose: Determine location of a bomb planted to destroy an Iraqi base.
Location: Secret Iraqi base somewhere on the Tigris River.
Effect: Golgo gritted teeth and went limp; however, this was a charade.
Notes: When given the opportunity to go through his belongings (previously searched) on the pretense the information is concealed there, Golgo manages to retrieve a grenade disguised as a lighter, and makes his escape.

17. Story #256, "Contaminated Paradise," 1987

Method: Hung from a crane by handcuffs and whipped. Use of a stingray's tail is discussed, but not implemented.
Torturer: Two goons working for Frank Bonne (apparently unrelated to the Bonne of "The Howl of Delos"), boss of a prostitution ring.
Purpose: Under Bonne's orders, to determine Golgo's identity, and his reasons for being there.
Location: A warehouse in St. Thomas, the Caribbean.
Effect: None. The torturers became exhausted, and were knocked out by Golgo before the tail could be employed.
Notes: Bonne's daughter showed an interest in Golgo, and involved him in some S&M play with a whip of her own.

18. Story #279, "Levant Triangle," 1989

Method: Forced to ingest sodium barbital, strapped into chair and put into deep hypnosis. Not a torture *per se* but included here to illustrate Golgo's past experience with drugs.
Torturer: Maria, a psychologist and lover of Cresis, a local crime lord.
Purpose: Determine Golgo's identity.
Location: Cresis's mansion on an island in the Aegean Sea.
Effect: None.
Notes: The incident displayed the total mental control Golgo had developed since the early days of his career. Did his previous experiences aid him in developing resistance?

19. Story #333, "Power to the People," 1994

Method: Hung by the wrists and whipped.
Torturer: A Sergeant Dankwaerts of the South African police.
Purpose: To learn Golgo's intentions after a disassembled gun was discovered in his luggage.
Location: A cell in Johannesburg, South Africa.
Effect: None. Provoked interrogators to give him a chance to overcome them. Golgo had deliberately sought the arrest and torture in order to help convince the anti-government Boer State People's Front he was politically reliable.
Notes: The interrogator used a curled bullwhip rather than the long straight *sjambok* or *imvubu* more infamously associated with South Africa.

20. Story #368, "The Forest of Pillaging," 1997

Method: Bound to pole at night and illuminated by bright lights, with upper half of body stripped naked and smeared with nectar. Swarming carnivorous flies are then guided to the victim, biting the flesh and placing eggs that will hatch into maggots.
Torturer: Soldiers of the Khmer Rouge.
Purpose: Execution, in a slow and cruel manner.
Location: Northern Cambodia, on the Thai border.
Effect: Golgo was able to escape shortly after the ordeal began, using the horns of a jungle beetle to cut his ropes.
Notes: Regarded as one of the more hellish tortures G13 has faced.

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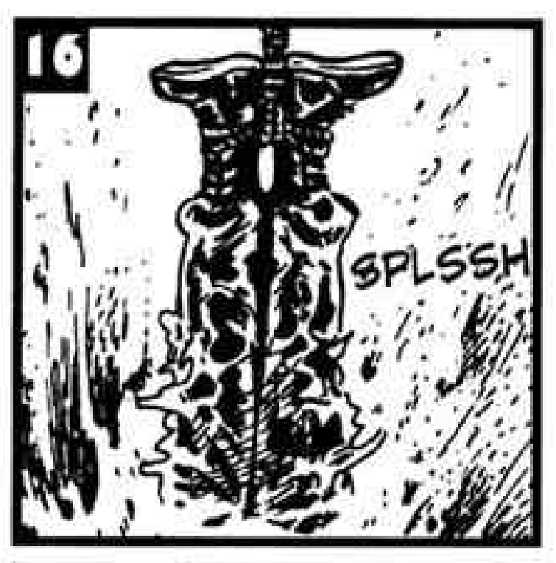

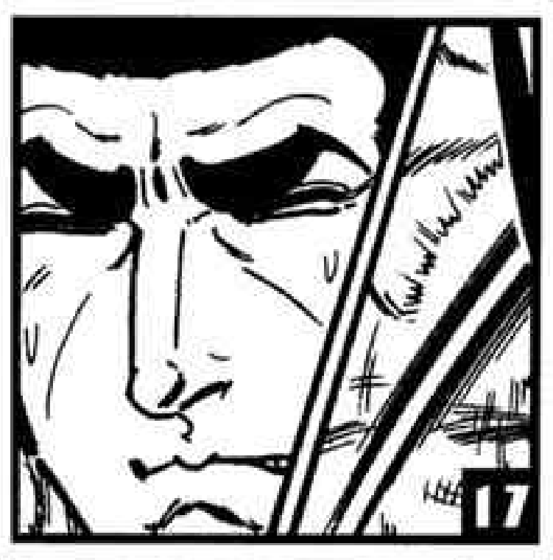

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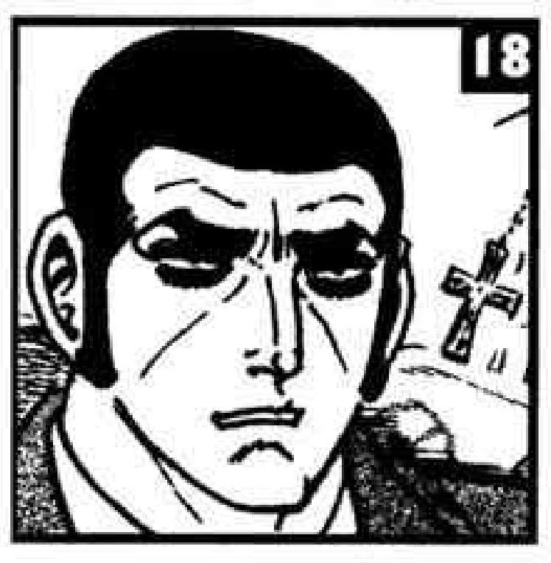

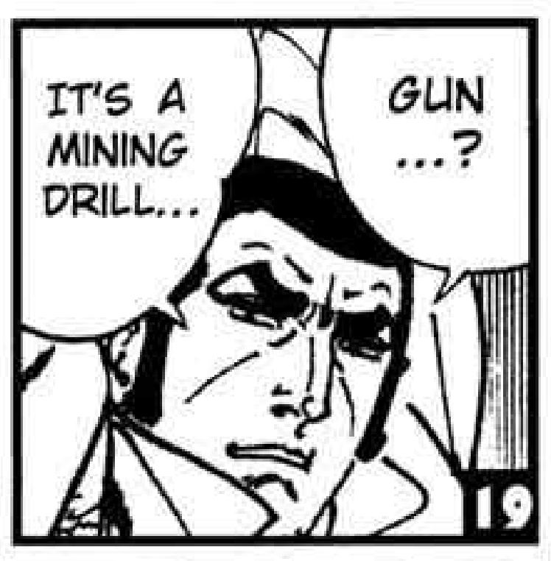
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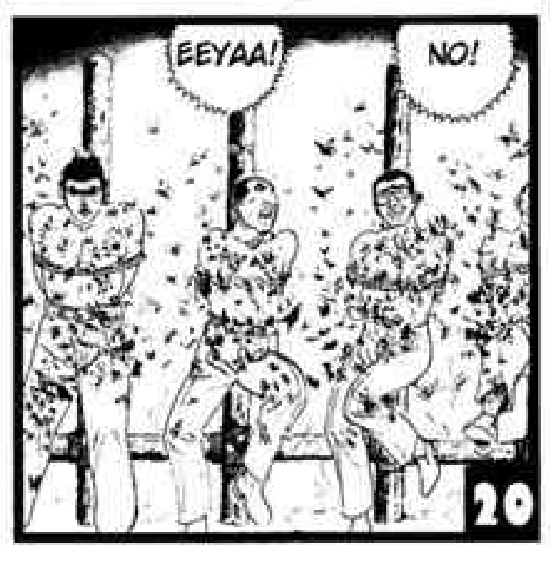

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Note that in 1969's Story #1, "Operation: Big Safe," Golgo was shown to have smooth, unmarked skin. His extensive scars have been acquired over the course of his career.

GOLGO 13

HOW TO BREAK GOLGO 13 BY TORTURE

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Speaking as an expert in martial arts, I cannot help but note that Golgo 13 has never been attacked in the groin during torture, as this would be the most effective method. It is a wonder why nobody has tried this yet (1980's Story #164, "Robben Island Prison," mentions the use of "nut cracking," but it is never shown to happen—ed.). For example, the torture shown in Story #85, "Statistically Explained Sniping," is quite hardcore, but wouldn't the balls be a better bet? If they became the target, I believe that even Golgo 13 would spill his guts.

Many martial artists use a protective cup during practice and performance. Without it, were the testicles to be struck, there is a chance one would become temporarily paralyzed below the waist, leading to sudden collapse. Although mobility is reduced, one is nevertheless completely conscious, resulting in an anguishing situation where the head remains clear, but the lower body turns into a throbbing lump, as heavy as lead. Moreover, if such a blow occurs without a cup, the testicles can be ruptured—a life-threatening situation requiring immediate medical aid. This is unavoidable no matter how much the mind and body have been trained.

When the testicles are crushed, the capillaries will burst, and blood will leak into the scrotum, causing them to swell in a condition known as "tanuki balls" (tanuki, Japanese raccoon-like mammals, were said in folklore to have the power to inflate their balls to create mischief, as shown in Isao Takahata's film *Pom Poko*, now available on DVD from Disney's Buena Vista Home Video—ed.). After such castration is done, the only thing that can be done is to remove them surgically. When such castration occurs, hormone levels will be altered and the person's sense of manhood will be lost. I have a friend who lost his testicles in a fight. His life was saved, but his appearance has changed, and he is now a calm, docile, and completely different person. So the testicles are absolutely necessary for a man to live.

In Ryukyu karate, there is said to be a method developed to gradually reopen the inguinal canal in the muscles of the abdominal wall—the path by which the male testes descend *in utero*—and induce the cremasteric muscles to temporarily withdraw the testes back into the abdomen for protection in combat. The last person to be so trained in this secret technique passed away long ago, and no documentation remains—yet it would not be surprising to discover that Golgo had mastered this "phantom skill."

However, this technique would prove useless were the subject to be tied with their legs spread, so that the torturer could manually extract the testicles from their hiding place. It is my guess that even were Golgo to survive such an attack, his personality would change so that people would say, "Is that really the same man?" He would not be able to function as before in his professional career. I personally would like to see a scene where Golgo 13 gets attacked in the testicles, and squirms in anguish, or is attacked but is shown to have some sort of protection against it, allowing him to get through the biggest pinch of his life.

One time early on in his career, Golgo punched the subordinate of a client who came up behind him while he was sitting in a chair, and ever since then, he has never sat down when meeting a client.
(Story #1, Operation Big Safe," 1969)